FRED PERRY'S

LEGACY™

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LEGACY
One of the greatest fighters ever known, Timeron watched everything he ever cared about be consumed by the Wrath, including his only son. Timeron fought with all his might to end the nightmare of the Wrath. Fighting beside him were his most trusted allies, including Silvia, the love he found amidst the sea of war and hatred.

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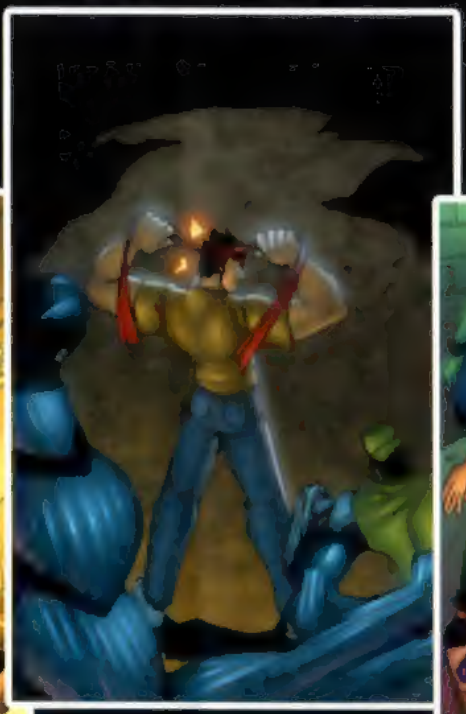

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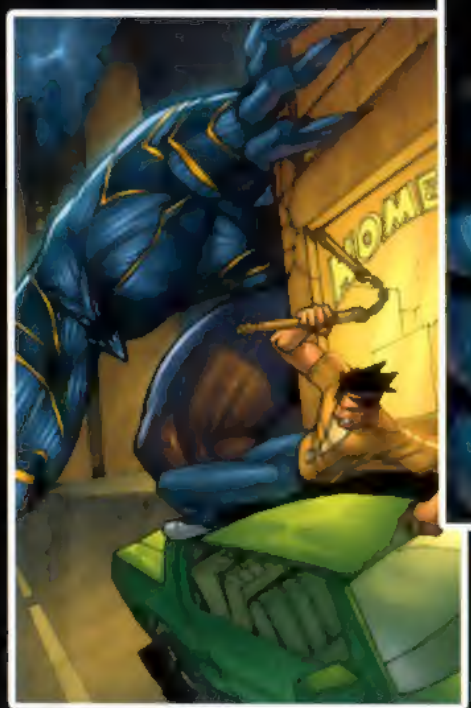


Chapter Six

Joe Dumar is the first part of the heir to the ***Fighter's Legacy***. His abilities are adapted from the numerous arcade fighting games that he has spent much of his spare time mastering. This proves to be a unique spin on the ***Fighter's Legacy***, one that seems to serve him well when fighting the evil force known as the ***Wrath***. However, only with the aid of his twin sister can Joe hope to utilize fully the strength of the ***Fighter's Legacy*** and defeat the ***Wrath***.

Tracy King is the embodiment of the ***Acrobat's Legacy***, and along with her abilities come the passion and love that ***Silvia***, her ancestor, felt for ***Timeron***, the source of the ***Fighter's Legacy***. It is not clear to her or Joe whether or not their love for one another is true or part of the inheritance from the spirits which they embody. If the Legacies are victorious, they may one day be able to explore their feelings truly, but that day may never come.

Victoria "Vicky" Dumar is Joe's twin sister and the other half of the ***Fighter's Legacy***. Unfortunately for Joe and Vicky, their father passed away years ago, leaving them and their mother to fend for themselves. Her spirit and determination, though, gave light to her family even in the darkest times, and it's with that same strength of will that she now wields the ***Fighter's Legacy*** against the ***Wrath***.

The Wrath Shadows are everyday people who walk the streets, schoolmates, friends and family who have been warped by the ***Archeessence*** of the **Wrath**. As their numbers grow—as they infect the community, the state, the country, the world—with each new Shadow, the power of each one increases exponentially. The longer it takes to defeat the ***Demiwrath***, the closer to impossible defeating it becomes. Do these heroes have the power to overcome these monsters before everything gets out of hand?

Shiva Nahasapeemapetilon has moved to the United States under the guise of a high-school transfer student, which only increases the wonder and amazingness of her abilities, since she is only nine years old. Her true motives, however, are guided by the ***Wizard's Legacy***, which awoke within her five years prior to these recorded events. She came in search of the ***Fighter's Legacy,*** which she sensed first in Vicky. Shiva is by far the most knowledgeable person on the planet about the events that now transpire. Hopefully, her knowledge and leadership can usher in a new age of peace before the ***Wrath*** can envelop the world.

Poindexter Nerdimeier has become evil incarnate. The dark touch of the ***Wrath*** has warped and twisted him into the penultimate villain, the ***Demiwrath***. His is the body that allows the ***Wrath*** its influence on this world. He transforms and controls all those he distorts into the ***Wrath Shadows***, who in turn strengthen and power him.

PRESENTING...
Joel Jung's
遺 LEGACY 産
KO
COMBO
HIT
130
NEXT!
Coloring by Joe Weltjens

AWWWWWW, MANNN..!!
THAT WAS SO CHEAP!
AH, AH, AH... DON'T START CRYIN' ON ME! JUST BACK AWAY FROM THE MACHINE LIKE A GOOD LITTLE SCRUB!!
SHOO!
MAN, WHAT'S WITH YOU AND THOSE "ARE?!-@$% COMBOS!!
I PLAY WITH HONOR, SCRUB!! ALWAYS!! AIN'T MY FAULT YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE HEAT!!
YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER VICTIM, KID...
NEXT
....
click click
AHHH, A FRESH FACE!
WELCOME TO JOE'S DOJO, GRRRRRRRRR...
MAN, SHUT UP AND PLAY!
JOE I--I DON'T THINK THESE GENTLEMEN APPRECIATE THE GOOD HUMOR OF YOUR "TRASH TALK"...
HEH, TOO BAD.
LET 'EM TRY TO KICK ME OFF THE MACHINE, THEN...
BY THE WAY, TRACY... WHAT TIME DO YOU HAVE?
SIX-O-CLOCK?
9:46...
WHAT?

D--
DAAMN!
3 SECOND KO
SORRY, GRASSHOPPAH...
I HAD TO DO A RUSH JOB ON YOU!...
THANKS FOR HOLDING MY FOOD, TRACY...
W--
WON'T VICKY BE ANGRY AT YOU FOR BEING SO LATE!?
DAMN STRAIGHT! 'GOTTA FLY.!!
BUT, WHEN CAN I SEE YOU AGAIN? T-TO LEARN, I MEAN...
HMMM... HAVE YOU BEEN PRACTICING ALL THAT I'VE TAUGHT YOU SO FAR?!
OR ARE YOU JUST WASTING MY TIME?... PROVE TO ME YOU'RE A WORTHY STUDENT!!!...
SHOW ME "DANRYUKEN'S" LEVEL-SIX SUPER-COMBO... THE "JUMP-IN" VERSION.
RIGHT NOW? BUT, I-I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TOKENS!!
THEN AIR-GUITAR IT!
....
A LITTLE LATE ON THE LAST TWO COMMAND INPUTS, BUT YOU PASS!!...
SEE'YA TUESDAY.
WU
MK
LK
MP
MK
HP
HK
2+K
2+K

TUESDAY?
It's...
...it's a date...
GAME PALACE
GOTTA TAKE THE SHORT-CUT HOME...
DAMN!! VICKY'S GONNA GET MOM TO HANG ME OUT TO DRY!!
DAMN, MAN... CALM DOWN!! IT'S JUST A GAME! JUST FORGET ABOUT IT AND GO HOME!
?
HELL, NAW! #@$%& THAT $#!%!!
THIS AIN'T EVEN ABOUT THE GAME! THIS IS ABOUT JOE'S F@&%ING MOUTH!
DON'T NOBODY DIS ME!
I'M WITH THAT... JOE NEEDS TO KEEP HIS DAMN MOUTH SHUT AND JUST PLAY.
INSTEAD OF ACTIN' LIKE HE'S ALL THAT!
AND WHERE DID HE LEARN TO PLAY THAT GOOD??
JUST LAST WEEK WE WERE KICKIN' HIS @$$ TWICE DAILY!!

NEXT TIME I SEE HIM I'M GONNA.
FORGET NEXT TIME! I'M GONNA ADJUST HIS ATTITUDE RIGHT NOW!!
EHem
EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN
I COULDN'T HELP BUT OVERHEAR YOUR CONVERSATION..
AND I THINK YOU'RE JUST THE FELLOWS I NEED TO LOOK FOR ME..
STEP OFF, POINDEXTER WE'RE BUSY
OH YES..
I THINK YOU'LL ALL DO QUITE NICELY.
HE'S SO FRIGGIN LATE!
VICKY
I AM SURE THERE IS A REASON YOUR BROTHER IS NOT HERE IN TH DINNER YET.
JUST CHILL DOWN
I'M CALM
SPAK

BUT TRUTHFULLY, SHIVA... WHEN IT'S MY TURN TO BRING DINNER, I'M NEVER LATE!
WELL, HARDLY EVER..
BUT JOE... HE'S ALWAYS...
I SWEAR... EVER SINCE MOM HAD TO TAKE THE LATE SHIFT.
I COULD PREPARE A PIZZA PIE IF YOU SO DESIRE, VICKY
A RECIPE I DISCOVERED IN A COOKING JOURNAL THIS MORNING...
THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
BUT THANKS ANYWAY
IT IS I WHO SHOULD THANK YOU...
BEING A NINE YEAR-OLD TRANSFER STUDENT FROM INDIA MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO "HANG OUT" WITH OTHER HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS.
I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE MY FRIEND.
YOU'RE COOL, SHIVA... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
IT'S MY BROTHER WHO SHOULD BE WORRIED! I BET HE'S AT THE ARCADE AGAIN..
OOH, HE'S GONNA PAY!
IT... IS AS I FEARED... JO...
MY TIME IS COMING FASTER BEFORE I MUST ACT...
HER STRENGTH IS INCREASING WITH EACH MOMENT.
THE LEGACY IS AWAKENING WITHIN HER.
SEE THIS? THIS IS THE LOOK JOE'S GONNA GET RIGHT BEFORE I SMASH HIS FACE!
I CAN SEE THE CHANGES ARE ALREADY HAPPENING TO HER AURA...
AND HER BODY IS BEGINNING TO ADJUST AS WELL.
I JUST HOPE HER MIND CAN TAKE THE CHANGES SHE WILL SOON UNDERGO...
FEH... THAT SHOULD DO IT
WHERE'S THAT MIRROR? I NEED TO PRIMP!
FIVE YEARS AGO...
.. WHEN I RECEIVED THE WIZARD'S LEGACY, THE CHANGES WERE POWERFUL BUT DEMURE.
BUT IF VICKY WAS BORN HEIR TO THE FIGHTER'S LEGACY...
WAIT!
VICKY?
DID YOU SAY THAT YOU AND JOE... ARE TWINS?

STRAWBERRY!
?
WHAT IN THE WORLD?
POINDEXTER??
WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' OUT AFTER DARK?
I THOUGHT YOUR MOMMY WANTED YOU HOME RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL OR SUMTHIN
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, TIMERON...
ARE YOU READY TO TRY AND FAIL AGAIN?
CENTURY AFTER CENTURY.
GENERATION AFTER GENERATION
YOU AND THE OTHERS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE INEVITABLE.
HUMANITY WILL BE MINE..
WHAT THE @#*$ ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I KNOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE EVEN THOUGH YOUR HEIR CLEARLY DOES NOT, TIMERON

?

IT WASN'T EASY FINDING YOUR LATEST INCARNATION, I MUST ADMIT. IT TOOK A STAGGERING AMOUNT OF RESEARCH TO GUESS WHO WOULD BE YOUR NEXT HEIR.

IT WAS WORTH-WHILE, HOWEVER... TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH YOU BEFORE YOU ARE A THREAT AGAIN..

AND AS FOR YOU, JOSEPH DUMAR.. I'M SORRY TO HAVE ROARED YOU... FORGIVE ME...

BUT SPEAKING TO YOUR SOUL'S MEMORY... THE ANCIENT ESSENCE OF TIMERON THAT DWELLS WITHIN YOU... CAME FIRST.

I HAVE NOTHING PERSONAL AGAINST YOU...

BUT YOUR "FRIENDS" HERE DO...

THAT'S WHY I HIRED THEM... CHANGED THEM.

WHO BETTER TO DO A TASK THAN THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY MOTIVATED'

VUU

SHREEEK

WHOOSH

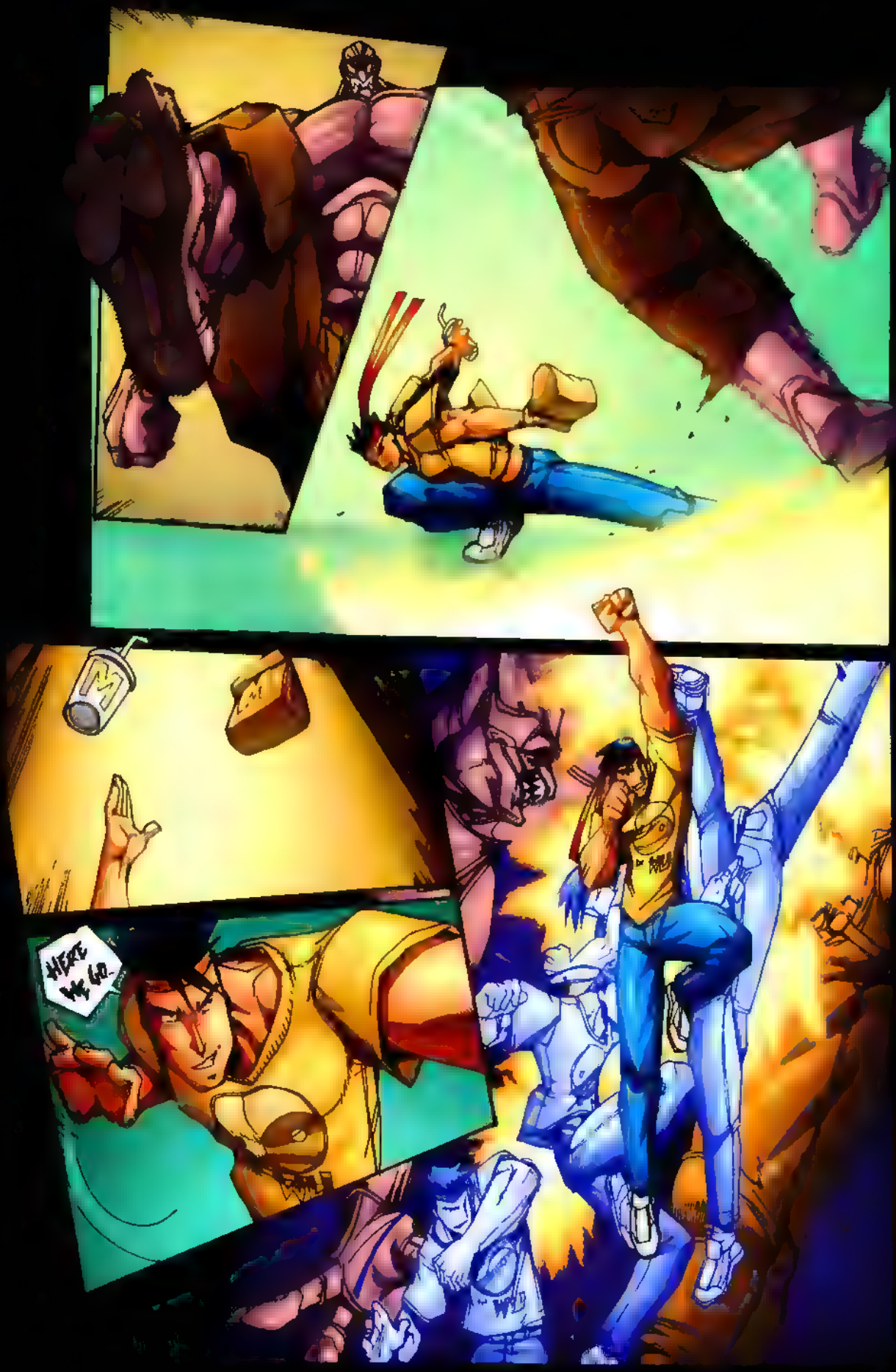
DAAAAAMN!

THE END
TOO!

WHAT THE #@$*!!!
WHAT THE #@$*!!!
WHOOH
AND THAT
AND
GIANT MUTHAH
DAAAAH!
WAIT A MINUTE...
HOW DID I GET AWAY?
HOW DID I GET UP HERE??
THAT WAS RYUKEN'S
"BUSHIN RAGE FL
AND EAGLE CLAWS "HYPER-JUMP"!
I DID 'EM BOTH!!
FLAWLESSLY!!
AND I WASN'T EVEN TRYIN'.
I GOTTA BE DREAMIN THIS

WHK WHKWAK WOK
HAH

THAT IT BE I'VE BEEN PLAYING FIGHTING GAMES SO MUCH...
I'M THINKING ABOUT MY MOVES SO MUCH...
FROM THE POWER METER AND MEF IN MY HEAD.
THAT I CAN ACTUALLY USE MY MOVES IN REAL LIFE??
AND I CAN USE ANY MOVE I WANT.
NO HESITATION NO CHARGING UP WITH A "POWER METER"
I'M...
I'M BADDER THAN THE BADDEST BOSS CHARACTER!
I'M...
I'M
GONNA HAVE ME SOME FUN.
Slurp


HERE WE GO.

CATCH
WOM

CLAP CLAP
?
I'VE NEVER SEEN AN HEIR UTILIZE SO MUCH OF THE LEGACY'S GIFTS SO SOON.
I'M RELIEVED I WON'T HAVE TO FACE YOU WHEN YOU'VE MATURED!
WHAT?
YOU WANT A PIECE A' ME TOO?
THK
BUT I HAD
FORGETTER!
HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?
THIS ISN'T A GAME, ICE

AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THE FATE OF YOUR ETERNAL SOUL IS IN JEOPARDY...
I'D SAY THE FATE OF YOUR HUMAN RACE IS BEING DECIDED AT THIS VERY POINT IN TIME...
....
CAN YOU OVERCOME ME, JOSEPH? CAN YOU DO IT NOW? IT HAS TO BE NOW, BECAUSE YOU'LL NEVER DO IT LATER!
I'LL BE MUCH TOO STRONG FOR YOU LATER!
THAT'S IT, JOE! GET UP!!
GIT OVER HERE!
WHP
POW
OOPS
I GUESS YOU FORGOT ONE, JOE
TOO BAD

UGH!!
OKAY.
OKAY, THEN!!
COME ON!
WHAM
SOMETHING WRONG, JOE?

THK
HK
I CAN SENSE YOUR FEAR, JOE. YOUR PAIN!
MY ADVICE TO YOU NOW IS TO LIE STILL
LET US END IT QUICKLY
JUST LIE STILL, JOE, AND IT WILL ALL BE OVER

I GOTTA ADMIT I'M BUSTED UP!
I SHOULD BE SQUIRMIN ON THE GROUND, SQUEALIN' LIKE A PIG!
UGHH!
I I CAN'T
I CAN'T GIVE UP!
VEH
SPIRIT
DOWN!

HVO
"EH?
BUT I TOOK HIM OUT!
HIM TOO!?
KTCH
WAIT THAT'S RIGHT THEY
THEY DON'T STAY DOWN
YOUR SOUL'S MINE FINALLY
WITH SHADOWS
AND THE MORE YOU FIGHT
THE STRONGER
BECOME"
NOT...
GOOD!

TK
HK
HWAK
BSH
VHSS
FHK
KTM
WH
TAK TAK TAK
CHK KLIK

I'M NOT SO CLEAR ON THAT MYSELF.
SIS?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!
SHIVA SAID SHE'D EXPLAIN IT ALL LATER SHE BARELY GAVE ME TIME TO PICK OUT THIS OUTFIT!!
JUST KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO LIVE THIS THINGAMAGIG LIKE SO--
OOOH COOL!
T- TWO HEIRS TO THE FIGHTER'S LEGACY!?

THERE! TIME TO GO!!
DAMN!!
JEEZ, JOE? WHAT WERE YOU DOING HERE?!! WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN?? AND WHERE IS MY SUPPER!?
TWO... HEIRS...
AND... THAT WEAPON!
A GATE CARVER...
WAIT... OF COURSE!! THOSE TWO WERE BORN IN THE SAME INSTANT! INHERITING TIMERONS LEGACY BECAUSE THEY'RE TWINS!!
AND THE GATE CARVER! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THE INVADER'S LEGACY IS ACTIVE ON EARTH!
?
ROAR
STOP

FWOOF
DAMN! THAT STUFF IS FOR REAL!!
ESCAPE GATE
SHOOT
MISSED HIM.
SORRY JOE
WHAT?
I'M AFRAID I'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO..

WHAT'S THE BIG HOLD UP?
THE SOUL'S MEMORY
WILLIS MASON WAINS HIGH SCHOOL
I THOUGHT WE WERE SUPPOSE TO HAVE THIS BIG MEETING IN STUDY HALL TODAY
I THOUGHT SHIVA WAS GONNA CLUE US ABOUT ALL THAT WEIRD STUFF THAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?
SHIVA'S NOT READY YET, JOE...
WHAT'S SHE DOING? SHE'S BEEN WRITIN' ON THAT SAME SHEET OF PAPER FOR A HALF HOUR!
I DUNNO
TSK.. OH WELL BACK TO PRACTICE
YOU REALLY SHOULD USE YOUR TIME MORE WISELY, JOE.
I IMPROVE THAT LITTLE MIND OF YOURS, READ A BOOK.
I LEFT MY GAME MANUALS AT HOME
HEY, SIS! WHAT'S THIS YOU'RE READIN'?
SNATCH

OH NO!! WHAT'S THIS?
JOE!
OW!
"CROSSROADS OF PASSION"?
JOE!
"HER LIPS AND BODY QUIVERED IN ECSTASY AS PAUL LOVINGLY CARESSED HER RIPE PETALS OF PASSION WITH HIS SWEET UNENDING KISS!!"
BLOCK
THEY LET YOU READ THIS STUFF IN SCHOOL?
OH THAT DOES IT!
WHAT YOU NEED IS TO GET YOURSELF A REAL GIRLFRIEND!!!
AND STOP READIN' THIS FOR CRAAAP!

ARE YOU BOTH READY TO START OUR "STUDIES"?
NOT ALIVE...
HEY!
VICKY PLEASE REFRAIN FROM
HE STARTED IT!
COME, WE HAVE MUCH TO DO...
BUT FIRST, LET US PUSH OUR DESKS TOGETHER
WAIT, YOU MEAN THAT'S WHAT THIS BIG MEETINGS ABOUT? STUDYING!
I'M AFRAID SO, VICKY
OH, GREAT
THE TOPIC HISTORY
SPECIFICALLY WHAT HAPPENED TO PLANET EARTH ELEVEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO
PLEASE PAY ATTENTION IT TOOK ME THREE WEEKS TO PREPARE THIS FOR YOU
FIRST, WE'LL NEED TIME TO FULLY COVER THE SUBJECT MATTER AND PRIVACY
TIME FREEZE

UM VICKY? IS IT ME?
HAMLET
QUIZ next Mon.
100 questions!
Deal with it!
HE STRIKES TIME, JOE
AND LOOK SHIVA SHE'S GLOWING JUST LIKE LAST NIGHT!
SHIVA? YOU MIND TELLING US WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS?
HOW YOU'RE DOING THIS???
I'LL EXPLAIN IN DUE TIME NOW PLEASE. I MUST CONCENTRATE
IF I FOLD THIS CORRECTLY WE'LL END UP IN THE CRETACEOUS PERIOD
HEY! WHERE'S THE CLASS GOING??
SHIVA! THAT'S ENOUGH!!
THIS ISN'T FUNNY
WHAT'S GOING ON?? WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?? SHIVA??
SHIVA!
WE'RE HERE!

THIS IS THE FAR CONSTANTINOPLE ... THE HEART OF THE OLD BYZANTINE EMPIRE
WHAT KIND OF WAR IS THIS?
THIS IS MANKIND'S LAST STAND
EVERY REMAINING WARRIOR ON EARTH IS HERE
THEY FALL
THERE'S NOTHING AND NO ONE LEFT TO FIGHT!
THIS IS HUMANITY'S LAST HOUR
HRATH!
ARE THE EARTH OF THE LEGACY!

THOSE MONSTERS ARE GOIN' SLAUGHTERHOUSE ALL OVER THOSE SOLDIERS
THIS AIN'T EVEN FUNNY!!
JOE, I'VE GOT THIS... THIS OVERPOWERING URGE TO JUMP IN THERE AND DO SOMETHING!
WHY NOT? WE'VE GOT THESE STRANGE SUPER ABILITIES! WE CAN HELP!!
SHIVA THE MONSTERS ARE THEY GOING TO WIN? AND IF THEY DO, WHAT HAPPENS?
BECAUSE WE'RE PHANTOM HERE
I HEARD THAT LOUD, SO SIS!
WE CAN AFFECT SOMEONE AND NOTHING AFFECTS US
IT THE ONLY WAY AROUND THE PARADOX BARRIER OF TIME TRAVEL
WHY CAN THEY WAIT?
BE FAIR JOE AND WE'LL BE MORE CLEAR
SO, YOU BROUGHT US HERE JUST TO WATCH THE GOOD GUYS GET HAMMERED?
LAME!
YOU MIND TELLING US WHAT "THAT"...
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO WATCH THIS JOE BUT YOU MUST STAY CALM.
THIS "CLASH" IS ABOUT TO BEGIN
DON'T TELL ME IT'S WORKING FOR THE MONSTERS!

HIM?
HE IS WHO I WISH TO BE JUST LIKE WHEN I GROW UP.
THAT IS SHAZAM. A TRUE MASTER OVER THE SUPERNATURAL FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE... AN ENTITY-DIMENSIONAL CRAFTSMAN OF UNEQUALED SKILL.
AS JOE WOULD PUT IT-- HE'S THE MAN!
BEFORE HIM, EVERYONE THOUGHT THE WRATH SHADOWS [redacted] IMMORTAL!!
THE ARCHESSENCE WHICH ENSLAVES THEM WON'T LET THEM DIE
BUT HE FOUND A WAY.
INSTEAD OF DESTROYING THEM, HE TURNED THEM TO STONE...

OOO...
THAT'D DO IT...
UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY A THIRD OF THE WRATH'S LEGIONS CAN BE DEALT WITH IN SUCH A WAY..
THE SPELL OF STONEFLESH, AS WITH ALL OTHER SPELLS, HAS A WEAKNESS
THE TARGET MUST SEE THE SPELL'S LIGHT.
...BUT MORE THAN HALF OF THE WRATH SHADOWS DON'T ACTUALLY NEED VISION.
THE ARCHESPENCE IS WELL AWARE OF IT'S MINIONS' WEAKNESSES... AND HAS DIVERSIFIED ITS RANKS SO THAT ONE'S WEAKNESS IS COVERED BY ANOTHER'S STRENGTH.
AGAINST SUCH AN ARMY, EVEN MASTER SHARD CANNOT STAND ALONE.
DAMN
LOOK AT 'EM!
SHARD'S GETTIN' SWARMED!!
DO NOT WORRY... SHARD IS NOT ALONE
LOOK ABOVE HIM...
ATOP THE GREAT NECK'S RAMPARTS!
--TIMERON!
THS

ON
THAT'S GOTTA BE NINE STORIES UP..
AND HE JUST... JUMPS??
THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING, VICKY SHARD NEEDS TO BE AT THAT HEIGHT... HIS SPELLS HAVE A LONGER RANGE AND BETTER ALLIRACY FROM THERE
AND TIMERON IS FULLY CAPABLE OF DEFENDING HIM AT THAT ELEVATION.
OH, THIS I GOTSTA SEE!
AND WHAT THAT FUNKY KNIFE HE'K TOT N'?
THE MIDAS-SWORD
ITS POWERS HAVE T' BE SEEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD
WOO! HE'S GOT THE GLOW!
SHO 'NUFF.

HEY! VICKY!! SERIOUSLY! LOOK AT WHAT HE'S DOIN' WITH IT NOW!!.
...HOLY SHIT!
WHOOM

SEE IT KOOM
THAT POWER WAVE'S SWEEPING ACROSS THE WHOLE BATTLEFIELD! IS THAT THE MIDAS SWORD'S TRUE POWER?
IT'S TRUE POWER HAS YET TO BE REVEALED, JOSEPH. HOWEVER, ITS POWERS ARE FEARED BY MORTAL AND IMMORTAL, LIVING AND UNDEAD, AND THE WORTH MASTER SMARD WOULD NEVER HAVE CREATED IT IF THE NEED WASN'T SO DIRE.
TIMERON JUST USED IT'S STRONGEST KNOWN POWER! 'MIDAS HAMMER"!
THE POWER TO TEAR ALL OF ONES ENEMIES FROM THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY!
SO ITS OVER? THEY'VE WON?

ACTUALLY, VICKY
HASN'T STARTED YET!
ONLY ONE BEING CAN RESIST THE POWER OF THE "MIDAS HAMMER"
THE ARCHESSENCE'S PHYSICAL CONNECTION TO OUR WORLD IT'S HOST, THE DEMI-WRATH!
WITH HE IZUK ARTHUS GONE FROM THE WORLD ZHARD AND TIMERON ARE FREE TO FINALLY DEFEAT THE SOURCE OF THE WRATH HERE ON EARTH..
YOU HAVE DONE WELL, MY FRIENDS
YOU WERE MANKIND'S LAST HOPE AND YOU DID NOT FALTER!
YOUR TASK IS FINISHED. RETURN TO YOUR HOMES AND LOVED ONES, BRAVE ARMY OF LIGHT.
LEAVE THE REST TO US.

YOUR LEGIONS, ARE GONE. THERE ARE NO INNOCENT VICTIMS LEFT FOR YOU TO ENSLAVE
YOU ARE BEATEN
LEAVE OUR WORLD, NOW!! OR BE DESTROYED!
VNN
VNN
WHERE DID HE GO!?
HATCH YOUR

GUH!

WHAT NOW, FATHER?

HOW WILL YOU WIN?

FATHER??

TIMERON'S BATTLE WITH THE WRATH EXTENDS ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE MOMENT IT APPEARED ON OUR WORLD
EVER SINCE THE ARCHESSENCE CLAIMED HIS INFANT SON AS IT'S HOST
THE WRATH WANTS TIMERON AND MASTER SHARD TO HESITATE TO THINK ONCE BEFORE BATTLING IT'S HOST
THEY'VE ONLY STRENGTHENED THEIR RESOLVE
GRRR
R.I.P.
FWOOSH
READY?
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
YOU HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF ALL

AND ARE THEY?
TIMERON'S AND MASTER SHARD'S FRIENDS!!!.. THE SWIFTEST OF THIEVES... THE DEADLIEST OF ASSASSINS.. THE FIERCEST OF PRIESTS... THE MOST NOBLE OF PALADINS...
TO NAME A FEW...
THEY'RE ALL HERE TO DEFEAT THE WRATH ALL ACCORDING TO MASTER SHARD'S PLAN!
THIS IS MY FAVORITE PART!
HASTE

VOOSH

DAMN YOU!

VOOSH

VOOM

YOU CONSUMED AND ENSLAVED COUNTLESS SOULS

YOU BROUGHT DESTRUCTION AND DEATH TO OUR WORLD

YOU BROUGHT HUMAN TV TO THE BRINK OF ANNIHILATION!

FOR THIS, WE WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU...

SHINA! YOU CAN HEAR THE SOUNDS OF FIGHTIN'...

BUT I CAN'T SEE A DAMN THING!

MASTER SHARD'S SKILL OF HASTE IS TO BLAME...

WITH IT, HE AND HIS FRIENDS ARE ABLE TO OVERWHELM THE DEMI-WRAITH WITH COUNTLESS ATTACKS AND MATCHLESS SPEED..

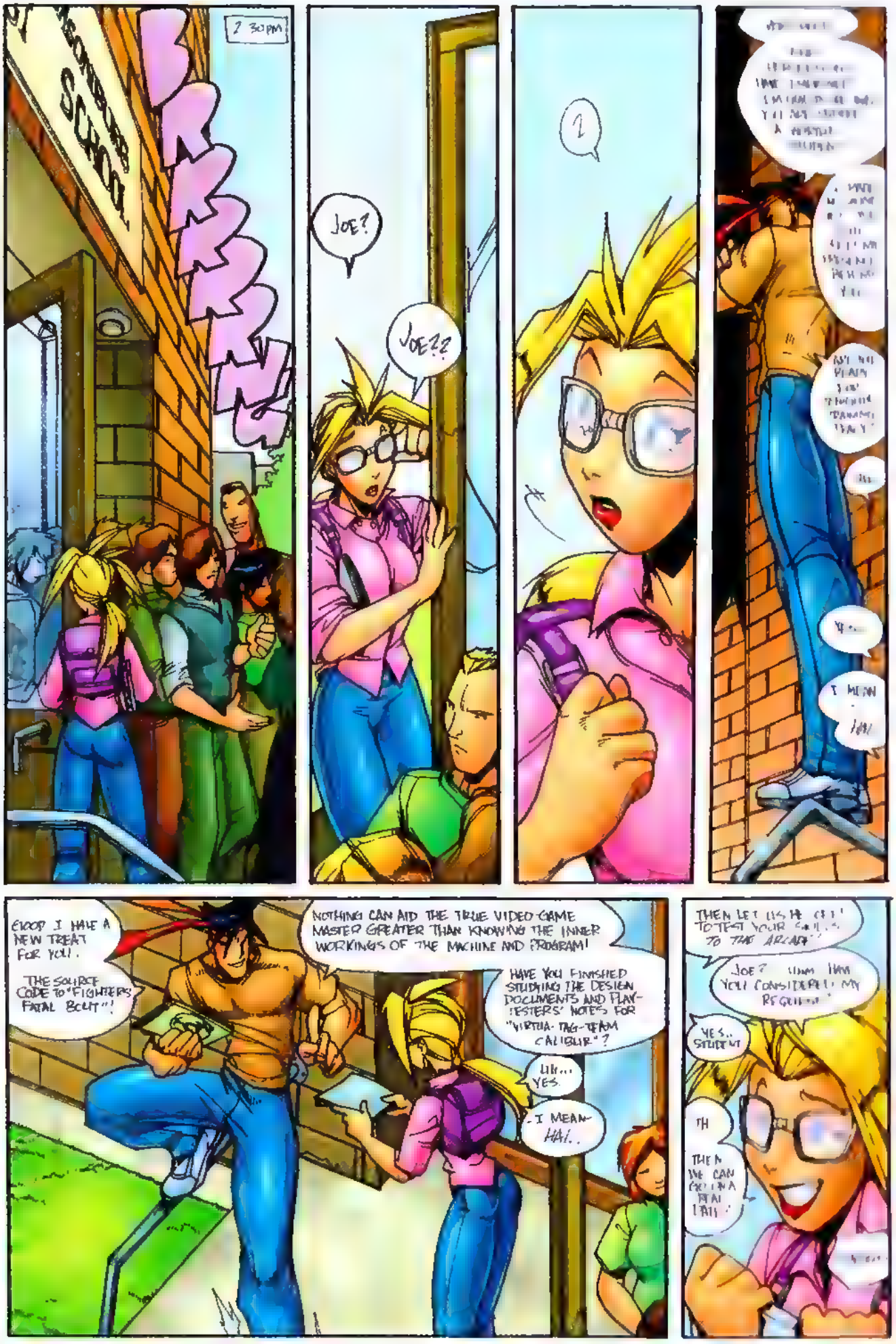
WITHOUT IT, THIS BATTLE MIGHT HAVE LASTED A CENTURY.

NNOOO

CRACK
MASTER SHARD?
WHAT WAS THAT?? WHAT HAS HAPPENED..
MY FRIENDS I HAVE FAILED YOU I I MISCALCULATED
I ASSUMED THAT IF WE DESTROYED THE HOST OF THE ARCHEVENCE WE WOULD BE RID OF THE WRATH FOREVER!
I ASSUMED MY SPELLS WOULD SEAL ITS FATE WHEN THE HOST PERISHED
BUT THE WRATH IS LIKE ANYTHING I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED.. IT IS AN ETERNAL DARK SPIRIT.
IT HAS RETREATED TO THE CORE OF OUR WORLD...
I KNOWS IT COULD NEVER DEFEAT US
THE WRATH SLEEPS. IT WILL AWAKEN CENTURIES FROM NOW, TO TAKE THE WORLD AND ENTHRALL MANKIND LONG AFTER WE'VE SHED OUR MORTAL COILS.
IT IS UNLIKELY FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE AS FORTUNATE AS WE WERE..
FOR ONLY OUR COMBINED TALENTS ALLOWED US TO BEAT THE DARKNESS BACK.
WE'VE... LOST
THERE IS A WAY OLD FRIEND.
OUR TALENTS. OUR SKILLS AND ABILITIES..
THEY ARE STORED INSIDE OUR SOULS MEMORY. AND, UNLIKE OUR BODIES, IT IS IMMORTAL.
WITH THE DIVINE INTERVENTION OF THE GODS, WE CAN PERSONALLY PREPARE FUTURE GENERATIONS FOR THE WRATH WHEN IT RE-EMERGES
IT IS MY HOPE, THAT ONE GENERATION WILL SUCCEED WHERE WE HAVE FAILED
THAT TEN HEROES WILL, WITH THE HELP OF OUR TEN SOULS, FINALLY DESTROY THE WRATH!
THERE IS A COST, HOWEVER... CREATING THIS LEGACY WILL TAKE OUR LIVES. NO ONE CAN LIVE WITHOUT A SOUL.

MOTHER ALWAYS SAID,
MY STRANGE FRIENDS WOULD BE THE DEATH OF ME.
MY CAUSE IS TO BATTLE
THIS WAY I CAN FIGHT FOREVER!
WHY NOT DEATH IS HOW I EXPECTED THIS TO END ANYWAY
THE
ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS.
THEY SACRIFICED THEMSELVES.
THEN GIVE US THEIR POWER SO THAT WE WOULDN'T BE HELPLESS AGAINST THE WRATH

FOR ONCE, VICKY'S "BIG DRAMA ROUTINE" IS JUSTIFIED..
HOW COME THIS STUFF AIN'T IN THE HISTORY BOOKS?
YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH IS LOST THROUGH THE MAZE OF TIME, JOE...
I LEARNED ALL OF THIS ON MY FOURTH BIRTHDAY... SHORTLY AFTER I INHERITED THE MASTER SHARD'S LEGACY.
FROM THAT MOMENT ON, I'VE BEEN PLANNING.
AND... I THINK I'VE FOUND A WAY FOR US TO TRULY DESTROY THE WRATH...
IF YOU'LL HELP ME.
MAN, THIS IS DEEP... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY..
I THINK YOU'VE BOTH TAKEN IN AS MUCH AS I CAN EXPECT YOU TO FOR NOW...
LET US GET BACK TO CLASS.
YOU MEAN THERE'S MORE?
VICKY... THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING..


SCHOOL
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BRRRNG
JOE?
JOE?!
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I MEAN -
HAI!
EKOOP I HAVE A NEW TREAT FOR YOU!
THE SOURCE CODE TO "FIGHTERS FATAL BOUT"!
NOTHING CAN AID THE TRUE VIDEO GAME MASTER GREATER THAN KNOWING THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE MACHINE AND PROGRAM!
HAVE YOU FINISHED STUDYING THE DESIGN DOCUMENTS AND PLAY-TESTERS' NOTES FOR "VIRTUA-TAG-TEAM CALIBUR"?
UH... YES.
- I MEAN- HAI..
THEN LET US BE OFF TO TEST YOUR SKILLS AT THE ARCADE!
JOE? UHM HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MY REQUEST
YES.. STUDENT
TH
THEN WE CAN GO IN A TEAM!

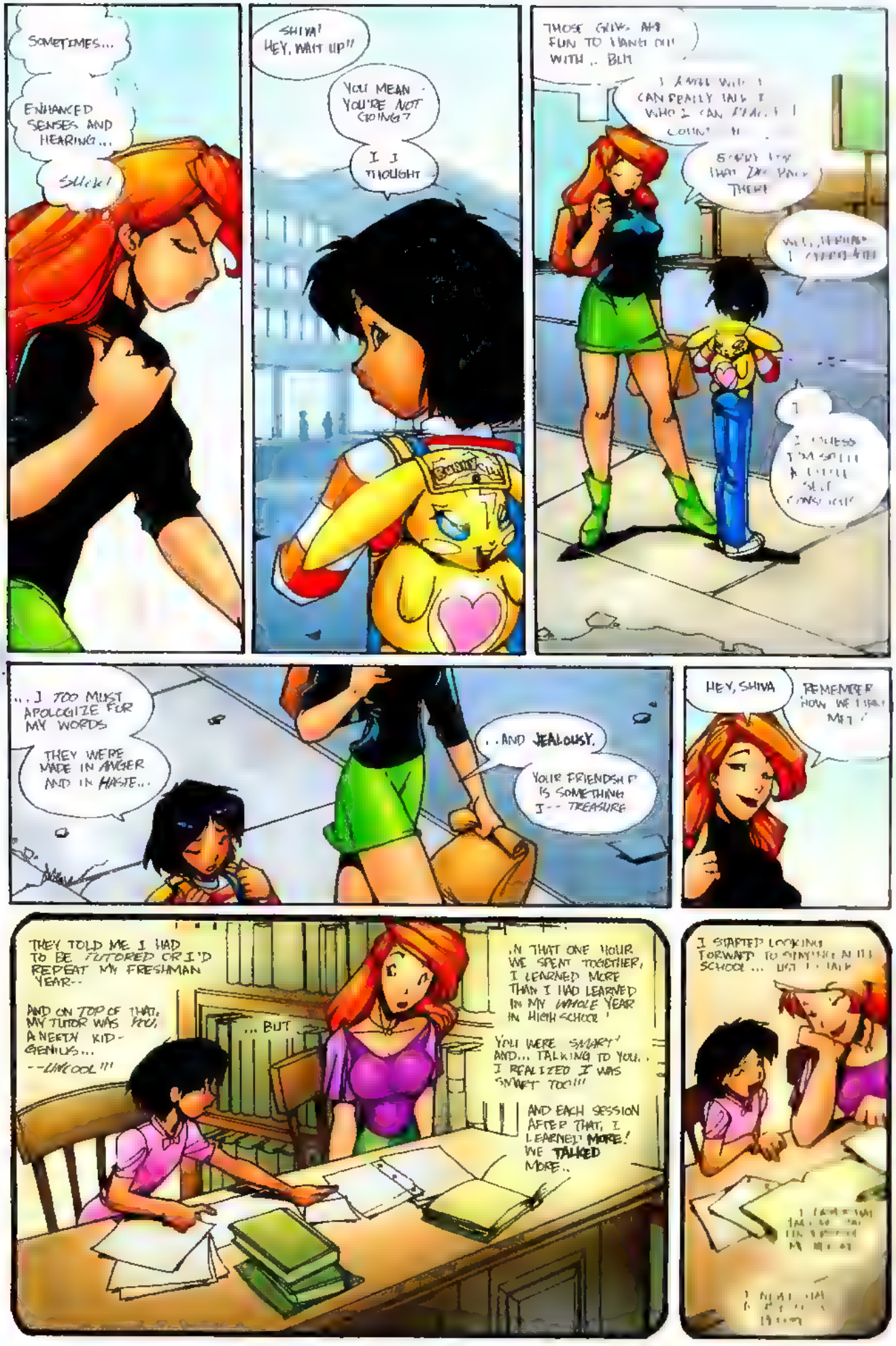
WHA-?2
OOPS!!!
D-DID I SAY DATE?
I MEAN..
I MEANT BREAK!!
YOU KNOW... YOU AND I SHOULD TAKE A BREAK. MAYBE A-AT THE MOVIES... AND DINNER AFTER THAT..
Heh Heh
GOOD ONE, TRACY
YOU HAD ME GOIN' FOR A WHILE THERE..
I MEAN, NOT ONLY ARE YOU MY HOMEBOY/PARTNER/PUPIL... YOU'RE MY BUDDY... MY DATE MATERIAL
OH... I... I SEE.
YEAH..
BESIDES, I'M HOLDIN' OUT FOR A DATE THAT'S WORTH IT! A BABE!! YOU KNOW, A GIRL WITH LEGS LIKE POW AND BACK LIKE WHA-PWAM!
AND HUGE... "ACRES OF LAND"
BUT A MOVIE DOES SOUND GOOD... JACKY CHAN'S PLAYIN' AT THE MULTIPLEX---
WE CAN---
WE CAN--
POINDEXTER!
TRACY - I GOTTA GO TOY A FEW MINUTES.
I'LL MEET YOU AT THE ARCADE AFTER, OKAY?
IF YOU DON'T SEE ME THERE FIND MY GF,
UH, OKAY?
SEE YA
UH
B-BYE SEE YAH..

WELL.. AT LEAST HE SAID I WAS HIS "BUD"..
.....
THAT'S SOMETHING TO BUILD ON.. RIGHT??
Sigh
EMPTY..
IT'S A TRAP.
IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING ELSE
FFT
HE'S LEADIN' ME ON...
GOOP!

FRED PERRY PRESENTS
LEGACY
POINDEXTER
I'M TAKIN YOU DOWN!
TONIGHT
MACDEE
WELL, WELL IF IT ISN'T VICTORIA
HUH? OH HI GUYS.
WHERE'S THAT TAG ALONG TWERP? SHOULD ALWAYS HANGIN WITH?
AND HOW COME YOU STOPPED HANGIN' WITH US?
WELL, YOU KNOW...
SHE'S LITTLE BUT SHE'S REAL SMART. RIGHT?
I - UH - KEEP HER AROUND TO DO MY HOMEWORK
SHE'S BUSY GETTIN' A HAPPY MEAL ABOUT NOW
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT...
KIM KEPT SAYIN' YOU WAS TURNIN' INTO A GEEK!
VAPORS.
YUP
YOU STILL COMIN' TO THE JIZAM THIS WEEKEND?
IT AIN'T A PARTY WITHOUT THE SCHOOL'S COOLEST HOTTIE Y'NO.
I'LL BE THERE... AN' WITHOUT THE LITTLE TWERP CRAMPIN' MY STYLE
LATER
LATER
!
TURN
...
OOPS

DRIVE THRU
...
SHIVA I.
NO EXPLANATIONS ARE NECESSARY, VICTORIA
SUCH A ... OLD CLICHE
I SUPPOSE IT WAS A LITTLE NAIVE OF ME TO THINK YOU WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT
TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE TRULY MY FRIEND
LOOK, SHIVA IT'S NOT THAT WAY AT ALL
YOU MAY BE SMART AND ALL, BUT --- YOU'RE STILL TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND!
PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT, VICKY
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD NOT PRETEND TO BE MY FRIEND ANY LONGER
YOU DO NOT NEED A "FREAKY" NINE-YEAR OLD HIGH-SCHOOL TRANSFER STUDENT FROM INDIA 'CRAMPIN' YOUR STYLE".
BURGER MASTER
SHIVA, I

HEY!
VVIRRM
WHF
HOP IN, GIRL! WE'RE GONNA HIT THE SPOT IN THE DROP-TOP!
YOU KNOW IT'S GUEST DJ NIGHT AT THE CLUB!
YOU KNOW YOU WANNA CUT IT UP ON THE WHEELS OF STEEL!
UH
.... $#!@!!!
SORRY GUYS...
I HAVE TO GO...
I'LL MIX IT UP NEXT TIME.
ALL RIGHT?
UH
YEAH SEE YAH
SEE?
TOLD YOU SHE WAS A GEEK!
YUP
TOO BAD... SHE COULDA BEEN THE SHEILA-E OF THE TURN-TABLES!


SOMETIMES...
ENHANCED SENSES AND HEARING...
SHIVA!
SHIVA! HEY, WAIT UP!!
YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT GOING?
I I THOUGHT
THOSE GIRLS ARE FUN TO HANG OUT WITH .. BUT
I WISH I CAN REALLY TALK TO WHO I CAN TRUST
SORRY I'M THAT I'M BACK THERE
WELL, HERMAN I
I GUESS I'M SPOILED A LITTLE BIT SELF CONSCIOUS
...I TOO MUST APOLOGIZE FOR MY WORDS
THEY WERE MADE IN ANGER AND IN HASTE...
..AND JEALOUSY.
YOUR FRIENDSHIP IS SOMETHING I-- TREASURE
HEY, SHIVA
REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO MEET?
THEY TOLD ME I HAD TO BE TUTORED OR I'D REPEAT MY FRESHMAN YEAR--
AND ON TOP OF THAT, MY TUTOR WAS YOU, A NERDY KID-GENIUS...
--UH COOL!!!
...BUT...
IN THAT ONE HOUR WE SPENT TOGETHER, I LEARNED MORE THAN I HAD LEARNED IN MY WHOLE YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL!
YOU WERE SMART! AND... TALKING TO YOU, I REALIZED I WAS SMART TOO!!!
AND EACH SESSION AFTER THAT, I LEARNED MORE! WE TALKED MORE..
I STARTED LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING TO SCHOOL... UGH!

PLUS YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I HAVE THE NERVE TO READ MY PROSE TO.
SHIVA
IN STUDY HALL TODAY, YOU SHOWED JOE AND ME THE DANGER WE HAVE TO FACE..
YOU SHOWED US WE WERE CHOSEN TO BATTLE AN IMMORTAL EVIL, THE WRATH!
EVER SINCE THE LEGACY WAS CREATED, GENERATION AFTER GENERATION OF HEROES HAVE FAILED TO DESTROY THE WRATH... JUST BARELY BEING ABLE TO KEEP THE WORLD FROM FALLING INTO ITS GRASP...
BUT WE CAN DO IT! WE CAN WIN, SHIVA!!
I BELIEVE IN YOU AND YOUR PLAN. I'LL TAKE DOWN THE ARCHNEMESIS FOR GOOD!
WE CAN DO IT, SHIVA... TOGETHER!..
VICTORIA, THANK YOU
I WON'T LET YOU DOWN.
VICKY? SHIVA?
H HAVE EITHER OF YOU SEEN JOE?
OH! HEY, TRACY, HOW'S THAT "TRAINING" COMING?

STILL CHASING AFTER MY OBNOXIOUS BROTHER, GIRLFRIEND?
UHM... ACTUALLY...
I WAS JUST ON MY WAY HOME.
I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING ON A-- A--- WELL... WE WERE GOING TO THE "GAME PALACE"... BUT HE... RAN OFF...
I-I GUESS HE'D RATHER HANG OUT WITH HIS FRIENDS... LIKE POINDEXTER...
..THAN GO OUT WITH A NERD...
LIKE ME..
...TO INDEXER?
POINDEXTER?!?!
SHIVA!
VICKY! WE MUST MAKE HASTE!
WH--
WHAT'S WRONG?
STAY HERE, TRACY!
WE HAVE --- HOMEWORK TO DO...
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT BOY!! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!! AND AFTER YOU REPEATEDLY TOLD US IN STUDY HALL TO AVOID CONTACT---
WHAT' IS SOMETHING WRONG??
IS-- IS JOE IN TROUBLE?
HERE'S A CORNER!!! I DON'T SEE ANYONE!!! LET'S DO IT!!!
THIS IS MOST UNEXPECTED! BY MY CALCULATIONS, POINDEXTER SHOULD NOT HAVE RECOVERED FROM OUR LAST ENCOUNTER SO SOON!!
I EXPECTED HIM TO HIDE, HEAL AND BIDE HIS TIME!!
BUT TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO US SO SOON...
ACTION IS CALLED FOR NOW!!

VICKY!!!
RIGHT! JUST LIKE BEFORE--
I REMEMBER HOW TO DO IT!
SKIP
I SUMMON--
THE KEYBLADE
SHHM
LETS GET IT ON!!
MEANWHILE---
$#!@!
$#!@!
$#!@!!
POINDEXTER!
I LOST THAT BOY!
WHERE'D HE GO?
WAIT--
TEXA-OIL
10% OFF
WHAT THE FU---
COME CLOSER, JOSEPH
YOU'VE ALREADY COME THIS FAR INTO OUR TRAP...
YOU MAY AS WELL TAKE THOSE LAST FEW STEPS...

I PITY YOU, JOSEPH DUMAR
IF ONLY YOU COULD KNOW THE PURE JOY OF THE WRATH'S FURY... THE ECSTACY OF BEING TOUCHED BY THE DARK SOUL... TO BE ITS SLAVE... IS HEAVEN!!
BUT YOU WILL NEVER KNOW..
YOUR TAINTED SOUL.
HUH?
GONE!?
DOWN HERE!!
DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOUR SPEECH THOUGH.
JUST WAIT ME UP WHEN YOU'RE DONE
RAAAH UGH
THERE WE GO!!
HI!!

GRAAA!
WHOA! NICE "QUICK-RECOVERY-KICK"!!
TOO BAD I BLOCKED IT.!
BLOCKED THAT TOO!!
FTAK
THAT'S IT!! NOW WE'RE GETTIN' WARMED UP!! BRING IT ON!!
WAK
WAK
WHF
BRING IT!
WAKK
TCHK
WOO!!
FWAK
THAM
FOOM
YEAH-- BOIIEEE!!
WAK
WM
TCHH

OOTCHA!
I'VE GOTTA ADMIT, USING MY POWER--THE FIGHTER'S LEGACY-- IS BIG FUN!!!
BUT I'M PUTTIN' THE BRAKES ON!!
KTHM
THAT'S WHY I "FELL" FOR THIS TRAP!!
STOP THE WAR TH!
BEFORE IT GETS OUTTA HAND!!
TAK TAK TAK
BETTER CALL YOUR BOYS.
YOU NEED HELP!!

SO... YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGHT US, EH? YOU THINK YOU'RE A TOUGH GUY?
'BOUT TIME.
I LEARNED ALL ABOUT YOUR PUNK-GAMES THIS AFTERNOON IN STUDY HALL, SCRUBS*
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFTER.. AND YOU WON'T STOP 'TIL YOU'VE INFECTED THE WHOLE DAMNED PLANET!!
I'M TALKIN' NO MORE CIVILIZATION.. NO MORE MICKY-DEE'S... NO MORE ARCADE GAMES!!
OH, I CAN'T LET THAT SLIDE!!
I SEE
YOU THINK WE'RE WEAK NOW. THAT YOU HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF DEFEATING US
THAT YOU CAN STOP THE WRATH BEFORE OUR NUMBERS INCREASE..
RRRR
DING! DING! DING! WE HAVE A WINNER!!
IDIOT
GRRH
BACK FOR MORE?
MASTER! LET ME!
LET ME SHOW HIM OUR TRUE POWER!!
LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA HAFTA PUT THE SMACK D-OWN!!
JEEZUS!

Heh
NOW YOU SEE, DON'T YOU!! OUR POWERS INCREASE WITH EVERY BATTLE..
WE GROW STRONGER AND STRONGER!
THIS ISN'T A VIDEO GAME, BOY!! YOUR CHEESY MOVES FROM THE ARCADE WON'T CHEAP YOU OUT OF THIS!!!
!
WAIT! THAT'S IT!
I KNEW I RECOGNIZED YOU!
I KNOW ALL YA'LL!!
WHSSSSSS
WAM
WHOK
TASH

"INCREDIBLE!!" YOU HAVE COMPLETELY HARNESSED THE POWERS OF THE FIGHTERS LEGACY...
AND BY THE MOST UNORTHODOX OF METHODS...
...BY USING "TECHNIQUES" YOU HAVE GLEANED FROM.. FIGHTING GAMES..
AND IT APPEARS THE VERY SOULS I PICKED TO AID YOU.. THE FELLOWS I WARPED AND TWISTED WITH THE ARCHESSENCE
...I'VE OBSERVED I SENSED HAD SOME FORM OF ANIMOSITY AGAINST YOU...
YOU'VE FOUGHT THEM BEFORE... AND FREQUENTLY... IN THE ARCADES..
YOU RECOGNIZE THEIR HABITS... AND WEAKNESSES!"
"IDIOT"..
BOOK
ALL RIGHT!

JOE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?? DIDN'T SHIVA TELL US TO AVOID-
CHILL SIS! CHILL!
WE GOT 'EM ON THE ROPES, GIRL!!
THEY SET A TRAP FOR ME, BUT, BAM!! I TURNED THE TABLES ON 'EM!!!
TH- THEY'RE NOT TAKING THE INITIATIVE
THEY'RE WAITING TO SEE WHAT WE DO NEXT!!
THEY'RE ON THE DEFENSIVE!!!
I SENSE THEIR POWER IS STILL COMPARATIVELY WEAK! THEY HAVEN'T FULLY RECOVERED FROM OUR LAST BATTLE!!
JOE IS CORRECT!! WE CAN DEFEAT THEM IF WE FIGHT NOW!!
BUT WHY WOULD THE WRATH RISK A BATTLE NOW? WHY THIS TRAP? HER JOE?
DID THE ARCHFIEND THINK IT COULD PICK US OFF ONE AT A TIME?? STARTING WITH JOE??
THAT- THAT HAS TO BE IT!! IT'S MADE A MISTAKE!!!
FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER.. IT'S MADE A MISTAKE!!!
WE WE CAN USE THE STAFF OF ERASURE...
IF ONE OF US CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH...
AREN'T WE GOING TO ESCAPE? LIKE WE PLANNED?
No!
No!! JOE IS RIGHT!! WE CAN WIN!!!!
IF WE FIGHT NOW, WE CAN DESTROY THE WRATH FOREVER!!

I DON'T LIKE THIS, SHIVA! I'M TELLING YOU, I'VE GOT THE WORST FEELING ABOUT THIS."
VICKY, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS CHANCE!
THIS SITUATION ALIGNS PERFECTLY WITH MY CALCULATIONS!
IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH HAS NEVER BEFORE PRESENTED ITSELF!! HOW CAN WE AFFORD NOT TO SEIZE IT?
JOE! TAKE THE WEAPON!!
--I SUMMON THE STAFF OF ERASURE!
WOO! NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' 'BOUT...
TIME TO BUST-OUT WITH THE PHAT "BLADE-CALIBRE" MOVES!!
GIRTH! THE BUILDING!
YOUR WILL...
IS MINE!
FORTSH
CRCH

JOE!! STRIKE POINDEXTER WITH THE STAFF!!
MAKE IT COUNT! THE STAFF ONLY WORKS ONCE!
UGH!
KA-WHOOM!
HYAAAH! W-WOW!
THIS IS COOL!!
OH YEAH! CHECK THIS, ISM!!

UGH!
THE STAFF! SEIZE THAT STAFF!
AT ALL COSTS!
VICKY!
WEEOOO... WEEO
NNF!
YOU'RE GONNA PAY!
FALK
JOE!

WEEOOOO
WHAT?
SHEEECH
THE POLICE!
WHAT THE -HELL?
OFFICERS!!
WE NEED HELP!!
THOSE MONSTERS.
GET THE SHOTGUNS!
NOW!
GIRTH! BAZERK!! STOP WASTING TIME!!
I WANT THAT STAFF OUT OF JOE'S HANDS!!
WHAT?
CLIC
CLICHAK
CHIC CLIK
FREEZE
ALL RIGHT!
THAT'S WHY IT PAYS TO BE THE GOOD GUYS!

IS EVERYTHING IN ORDER, MY LORD?
I CAME AS SOON AS YOU SUMMONED
:S gh.
I WAS HOPING TO KEEP YOU A SECRET UNTIL I'D FINISHED WITH THE FIGHTERS LEGACY...
BUT, SINCE YOU'RE HERE
Oh. You've gotta be KH!Gin' me..
B..
But
But...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE SHOULDN'T BE STRONG ENOUGH YET??!!
OH, COME NOW. DID YOU THINK THE FIRST SLAVES I WOULD ENLIST WERE TO BE COMMON STREET HOODLUMS??
AND NOT HUMANS WHO POSSESSED A LITTLE AUTHORITY???
MUST YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE MY INTELLECT AS WELL AS MY POWER, SHIVA?
...
ALL THIS TIME.
ALL THIS TIME.. I BELIEVED WE WERE AHEAD OF THE WRATH... THAT WE WOULD BE READY BEFORE IT WAS STRONG ENOUGH! I THOUGHT WE WERE SURE TO WIN!! HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO WRONG!!
THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN FACE SO MANY WRATH SHADOWS!
WE'RE JUST NOT READY!!
DAMN!
WE WERE SO CLOSE!!!
WHY WE HAVE TO RUN!! I'D LIKE MY ESCAPE SPELL, BUT I CAST IT ON THAT BUILDING BEFORE I DESTROYED IT. IN CASE ANYONE WAS INSIDE...
YOU'LL HAVE TO USE THE KEY-BLADE!!
H..h
I DROPPED IT--
WH--
WHERE IS IT--?
MA'AM IF YOU'D LIKE TO FILE A MISSING ITEM REPORT
JANE
ENOUGH!!
THE ONE WITH THE STAFF!! HE'S FIRST!!
CLAK
CLK
CLK
MAN! IT SUCKS TO BE THE GOOD GUYS!!

WHAT?
WTHNG
THAK
THNG
UGH
NOT AS LONG AS I'M HERE!!
Y-YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LAY A FINGER ON JOE - AS LONG AS I'M HERE!!!
TOOSH
VWWFFF
THE ACROBAT..
WHMM
S-SO BRING IT ON" I'VE GOT ENOUGH No.2's FOR EVERYBODY!!

POLICE
SO, SHIVA?
WHAT NOW?
DO YOU STILL BELIEVE YOU CAN WIN?

AHHH... I SEE... YOU REALIZE YOUR PREDICAMENT NOW, DON'T YOU, SHIVA!?
YOU'RE TRYING TO THINK OF A WAY OUT, BUT YOU'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!!
LISTEN
SIRENS!!
MORE COPS ARE COMING!!! THAT'S WHY POINDEXTER IS KEEPING THOSE NEW [illegible] SHADOWS LOOKING LIKE POLICEMEN!!
THEY'RE GONNA FRAME US AND GET THE REAL COPS TO BUCK US DOWN!!
WE GOTTA GET OUTTA!!!
SHIVA, VICKY!! JOE!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING!? WHAT ARE THESE CREEPS!??
TRACY... STICK WITH VICKY AND JOE!! STAY WITH THEM NO MATTER WHAT!!!
THIS WHOLE SITUATION IS THE RESULT OF MY MISCALCULATIONS! TH-THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!
YOU GUYS RUN FOR IT!!
SHIVA!!
NO WAY ARE WE LEAVING YOU BEHIND!
VICKY, DON'T WORRY!!
I-I HAVE MY OWN ESCAPE PLAN... BUT I CAN'T USE IT UNLESS I'M ALONE!!
WOW!
RUN!

HURRY!
THIS WAY!
KYAAA!
FOOM
VUN!
GOT IT!
CLATCH
RYAA!
DAMN, VICKY!! SAVE ME ONE!!
BAZERK!
AFTER THEM! BUT DESTROY THAT STAFF FIRST!!
BY YOUR COMMAND

No, Yoi
Don't...
K-K-KEN
KTHAK
SSSSHAM
TOOSH

UGH
KLOOM
SH-SHIVA!!
NO!
No, Vicky
D-DON'T STOP!!!
I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
DON'T STOP!!

WIOOO
SCREEEEEE
WI
HEADQUARTERS!! WE'VE ARRIVED!! OFFICERS DOWN!! WE'RE REQUESTING ADDITIONAL BACK-UP!!
THOSE KIDS!!! STOP THOSE KIDS!!!
USE LETHAL FORCE!
SHIVA! C'MON!!! .. WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR??
VICKY!!! WE GOTTA Go!!
WAIT!! THEY'RE UNARMED' CHIEF!!!
OPEN FIRE!!! ALL OFFICERS OPEN FIRE!!!
BUT--
THAT'S AN ORDER!
DAMMIT, GIRL...
PIOW
MOVE
SHIVA..
VIP
SHIVA!! GET OUTTA THERE!!
good bye..
dear friend

SHIVA!
YOU LIAR!
VICKY!!
VICKY! WHAT YOU DOIN' GIRL!?
THEY GOT GATS! GET BACK HERE!!
WHOOO
VROOO
HOLY F-

JESUS, FRANK! WE JUST HIT THAT KID--
FRANK!
FRANK, WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'?
THE FIGHTER'S LEGACY MUST DIE!!
SILENCE STAY PUT!
POLICE
NO!
CLHACK
YOU DIE!
BW
OOM
:GASP!
JOE!?
HUH.
NICE VARIENT.
OH TEMUJIN'S ONE-HEAD-SUPER-COMBO.
HEH
G-BLOOD ONE!

HOW ARE YOU STILL STANDING AFTER BEING HIT LIKE THAT??
HOW DID I DO WHAT I JUST DID WITH THE SHOTGUN!??
JOE? WHAT ARE WE? WHAT ARE THOSE MONSTERS...
IT'S LIKE --SIGN: SOME KIND OF EVIL PLAGUE, GIRL!!
AN EVIL SPIRIT THAT INFECTS PEOPLE AND TURNS THEM INTO MONSTERS THAT CAN'T DIE!
LIKE HIM!!
HE-- HE'S STILL ALIVE!
WE'VE BEEN CHOSEN, TRACI
WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE POWER TO STOP THIS BEFORE IT TAKES OVER EVERYTHING!!
WE HAVE TO FIGHT IT!!
GOOD LORD!
NOW C'MON! WE'VE GOTTA HELP VICKY!!
QUICK! BEFORE OFFICER GRUESOME RECOVERS!!
MEANWHILE...
QUIT-
SHOOTIN AT ME!!
BKAM BKAM

BKAH BKAH
BKAM
AAAARGH
NNNH
JEEEUS!
THWMP
AHAHAHAHA!
GOOD WORK MEN!!! GOOD WORK!
TIME TO FINISH UP!
CHIEF! WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'?? SHE'S JUST A KID!!!
I KNOW
BKAH BKAM
THUMP

UGH!
FREEZE!! N-NOT ANOTHER MOVE, GIRL!!
GET THE CUFFS!!
NO!!
:GUNH!:
Y-YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
I'VE GOT TO--
IT'S TOO LATE, VICTORIA
YOU'VE FAILED.
YOU'VE ALL FAILED...
THIS WORLD BELONGS TO THE WRATH!!
YOU THERE! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
P POINDEXTER!
WH-WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH SHIVA?!
YOU REALLY SHOULD WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF, VICTORIA
SUCH SERIOUS GUNSHOT WOUNDS!
YOU MUST BE IN TERRIBLE AGONY NOW...

UNLIKE YOUR FRIEND SHIVA... WHO, SECONDS FROM NOW, WILL FEEL NOTHING---
---EVER AGAIN
AH, AH, AH! YOU KNOW FAR BETTER THAN TO TRY AND ATTACK ME NOW.... WOUNDED AND ALONE!!!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH SHIVA"
"...RTH'S LIFE CANDREAMABLE"
AND JUST A BLOCK AWAY SHIVA IS COMING TO KNOW THAT FIRST-HAND!!!
SUCH A PITY!! EVEN IF YOU COULD GET PAST ME, YOU'D NEVER REACH HER IN TIME!
"HMPH... I SUPPOSE HER SPELLS ARE KEEPING HER ALIVE ABOUT NOW..."
..BUT IT'S ALL IN VAIN..
SOON SHE WILL BECOME TRULY EXHAUSTED.
THE STRAIN TO STAY ALIVE MUST BE UNBEARABLE FOR HER..
"POOR LITTLE SHIVA--"
SHE PUT UP SUCH A SPIRITED BATTLE. A GREAT EFFORT "
"AS PITIFUL AS IT WAS..."
CRUEL
CRUSH
..no..
shiva.
AH, YOU FEEL IT, DON'T YOU!"
HER LIGHT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED! YOU DO FEEL IT!!
YES! THERE IS NO MISTAKE! I FEEL THE CRUSHED BODY! THE BLOOD SWIMMING IN GIRTH'S HANDS!! SHE IS GONE!!
THE WIZARD'S LEGACY IS DEAD!

LISTEN, SON, YOU'VE GOT A FEW QUESTIONS TO ANSWER!
OH, REALLY? DEAR ME...
NO!
DON'T GO NEAR HIM!
STAY BACK!
NOOO!
FSSH
HOLY $#!@!!
LET ME SHOW YOU, VICTORIA.
LET ME SHOW YOU THE WRATH'S TRUE POWER.
WHA- WHAT IS THAT?
AT EASE, SERGEANT.
BUT, CHIEF!!
HE'S ON OUR SIDE, GARGE!
IN A MOMENT, YOU'LL REALIZE THAT!!
WHAT?
ACCEPT IT. EMBRACE THE GLORY!! IN A SHORT TIME, WE'LL ALL BE ONE!
ONE WITH THE WRATH!!

HSSSTRSS
NO
"ITS HAPPENING!"
"JUST LIKE SHIVA SAID IT WOULD IF WE FAILED!!"
AND I CAN'T STOP IT!!!
"THE WRATH IS GETTING STRONGER!! THERE'S NO WAY!!"
THERE'S JUST NO WAY!
THEY'RE WAY TOO STRONG!!!
...WAY TOO MANY!!
I'M WAY TOO SCARED!!
NO, VICKY!! GET UP!
GET UP!
SHIVA WASN'T SCARED!!
MM??
WHAT'S THIS??

I BELIEVE YOUR DEAD FRIENDS LAST WISH WAS FOR YOU TO RUN, VICTORIA...
INSTEAD, YOU MOVE FOWARD?
WAS POOR LITTLE SHIVA SACRIFICE IN VAIN?
I HAVE TO COME FOWARD, POINDEXTER
·CAUSE IF I DON'T...
I CAN'T KILL YIX.
TSSH
HAHAHA..
IDIOT

CH TOOM
RA AAAA
WHAT???

KLAK
WRANG
SKRCH
Sh..
Shiva
I'm Sor..
You...
You'll PAY

NO SHE WON'T
J-
JOE?
VICKY?! OH GOD, JOE!! SHE'S COVERED IN B-- BLOOD!!
SHE NEEDS A DOCTOR QUICK!!
RIGHT! WE'RE OUTTIE!
BUT LOOK! LOOK AT THE WRATH-SHADOWS!
THEY'RE STUNNED!! ALL OF 'EM!!!
THAT BEATIN' VICKY GAVE POINDEXTER MUST HAVE BROKE HIS CONCENTRATION OR SOMETHIN!!
LIKE HE LOST CONTROL OF 'EM SOMEHOW!!
THAT'S WHY THEY LET US GET TO VICKY---
ATTACK! TEAR THEM APART
THAT'S ENOUGH OUTTA YOU!!
EAT THIS!
THE STAFF!

BAZERK!
JOE!! YOU DID IT!
NO!
KOOM
BAZERK GOT IN THE WAY!!
DAMN! I WASTED OUR CHANCE!!
SHIVA SAID I COULD ONLY USE THE STAFF ONCE! WAIT NOW?
WOOOO
GET IN!
SHEECH

YOU HEARD THE MAN! LET'S GO!! POINDEXTER IS STARTIN' TO GET HIS CONTROL BACK!!
BUT... BUT, JOE? WHAT IF THIS IS ANOTHER TRAP??
GIRL, WE'RE IN THE FIRE!!
I'D RATHER BE IN THE FRYIN' PAN!
SCREECH
SIRE
... I UNDERESTIMATED
IT COST US BAZERK -- THAT STAFF COMPLETELY ERASED HIM FROM REALITY!!
IT ALMOST COST US EVERYTHING!
NO.. I SHALL NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE LEGACY AGAIN!!
SIRE -- WE SHALL PURSUE
NO. THE BATTLE IS OVER. IT IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST TO HALT NOW..
WE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER SURPRISE
WHEN I USED MY POWER TO CLAIM YOUR SOULS AND CHANGE YOU INTO WRATH SHADOWS...
...I DIDN'T LEAVE ENOUGH TO DEFEND MYSELF WITH...
I...
...MUST BE MORE CAREFUL... CONSERVATIVE WITH MY POWER...
I WON'T BE STRONG AGAIN UNTIL I'VE HARVESTED FROM YOUR GROWING POWERS, MY SLAVES...
SO... IT IS TIME FOR US TO CONSERVE OUR MIGHT -- TO GROW STRONGER...
WITH THE WIZARD'S LEGACY DEAD, WE CAN AFFORD TO BIDE OUR TIME NOW...
GIRTH..
RETURN..
... GIRTH?

HOW IS SHE?
HURT! BAD!
TAKE US TO A HOSPITAL! FAST!
WAIT! WE GOTTA GO BACK FOR SHIVA!
HOLD ON, WE'LL JUST HANG IN THERE!
JOE!
SHE LIED, JOE!! SHIVA LIED!! SHE NEVER INTENDED TO ESCAPE!! SHE STAYED BACK TO BUY US TIME!!
SHE'S DEAD!
...
aw, man.
JOE..
W-WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
SHIVA'S DEAD, JOE...
oh god...
THRASH
*%@#!!

IT'S GIRTH!!
GET READY TO DRIVE PAST WHEN I KNOCK 'IM OVER!
POLICE
JOE!! GIRTH IS THE ONE!!
HE'S THE ONE WHO KILLED SHIVA!!
THEN IT'S PAYBACK TIME--
WAIT JOE!!
WAIT, JOE!!
STOP! GIRTH WON'T ATTACK YOU!!
JUST GIVE ME A SECOND! I'M COMING OUT!!
WHAT IN THE WORLD???

NNNAH!
NO! DON'T!
DON'T TOUCH ME...
I'M--ALMOST--OUT!!!
SHIVA!
GNUH...
SHIVA!!

TOLD YA, VIC! SHIVA DID HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN AFTER ALL!!
SHIVA... I THOUGHT--
POINDEXTER SAID YOU WERE--
A DECEPTION. I SENT FALSE SIGNALS TO HIM AFTER I TOOK OVER GIRTH... SORRY I WORRIED YOU, VICTORIA...
I WASN'T SURE MY SPELL WOULD WORK.. AND THE RISK INVOLVED WHILE CASTING IT...I DIDN'T WANT TO TRY IT WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE... IN CASE I FAILED.
GUYS!!
ARE-- ARE WE STILL BEST FRIENDS, VICKY?
ALWAYS, SHIVA!! ALWAYS!!
GUYS!
GIRTH JUST MOVED!!
W-
WHERE THE HECK AM I?

END
ANY-- ANY LUCK?
NEGATIVE...
NOTHING--
THE WHOLE NETWORK IS DEAD!
IT'S LIKE THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT'S BEEN WIPED OUT!

WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME..
IF THE WRATH WANTS TO INFECT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, I SERIOUSLY DOUBT ANYONE COULD STOP IT...
BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT OUR OWN DAMN PROBLEMS...
GIRTH--
HE'S A WRATH SHADOW, BUT HE'S NO LONGER ONE OF THE WRATH...
SHIVA WANTS TO TALK TO 'IM... STUDY 'IM... BUT.
"WHAT HAPPENS IF HE GETS MEDIEVAL AGAIN?!
SO, YOU CANNOT REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE WRATH, GIRTH?
WHAT?
THE WRATH
LOOK

DUKE
LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY TO ME.
IN THE TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME YOU WERE LAST AT THE ARCADE
YOUR BODY AND SOUL WERE CHANGED AND ENSLAVED
YOU BECAME AN UNLIVING THRALL OF THE ARCH-ESSENCE...
A WRATH SHADOW...
YOU OWE YOUR ENSLAVEMENT AND YOUR TWISTED FORM TO THE WRATH'S AVATAR...
POINDEXTER GAITS.
I--
NO... DON'T CURSE YOURSELF... YOU'RE NOT A FREAK OF A MONSTER OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT...
YOU SAID IT BEST YOURSELF
DEEP DOWN INSIDE...
YOU ARE STILL DUKE...

#@&$!!
...#@&!!
I WISH THERE WAS MORE I COULD DO QUITTE FRANKLY, YOUR BEING HERE IS AN INCREDIBLE ENIGMA! MY SPELL SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PULL YOUR SOUL FREE"
BUT WHILE I CANNOT HELP YOU, YOU CAN HELP OUR CAUSE A GREAT DEAL.
MY FRIENDS AND I ARE TRYING TO STOP THE WRATH BEFORE MORE PEOPLE ARE LOST...
PLEASE, DUKE... TRY TO THINK..
TRY TO REMEMBER...
ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US ABOUT THE ARCH-ESSENCE MAY BE USED TO OUR ADVANTAGE IN OUR FIGHT...
....
#@&!..
ANY-THING YOU CAN THINK OF, DUKE
ANYTHING.
SO..
HOW'D IT GO?
WHAT'S THE DEAL, SHIVA?

W-WITH THE WRATH LOOSE IN THE CITY.. AREN'T MORE PEOPLE IN DANGER?
AND THEN SOME..
BUT.. MY PARENTS! MY FAMILY--!!
DON'T WORRY, TRACY... ME AND VICK'S MOM'S OUT THERE TOO!
WE'LL MAKE SURE THEY'RE SAFE WHEN WE GET BACK IN THE CITY..
WE..
WE CANNOT GO BACK, JOE.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE..
BY NOW, THE ARCHESSENCE HAS COMPLETELY INFECTED EVERY SOUL IN TOWN.
HEY, NOW... JUST A MINUTE!..
Y-YOU'RE JUST A KID!
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR THEM NOW. WE'VE FAILED.
W-WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
B-BUT THIS I SWEAR..
WE SHALL LET THE WRATH GO NO FURTHER...
BEING A CHILD HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH MY ABILITIES, OFFICER CASTLE..
I AM THE HEIR TO THE WIZARD'S LEGACY.
I CAN SEE IN YOUR EYES THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF MY MYSTICAL PERCEPTIONS OF THIS SITUATION.
AND I CAN FEEL IN YOUR HEART THAT YOU ALREADY KNOW I AM CORRECT...
FOR NOW, WE WILL REGAIN OUR STRENGTH AT THIS VERY SPOT AND THEN DEPART BEFORE DAWN.
OUR WAR AGAINST THE WRATH IS TRULY ABOUT TO BEGIN..
WE CAN AFFORD NO MORE MISTAKES..
AND WE HAVE MUCH TO PREPARE FOR.

SHIVA!!
T- TELL ME YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS!
YOU WANT US TO FORGET OUR FAMILIES?
WE
WE CAN'T JUST--
TRACY, I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING.... ANYTHING WE COULD DO
...BUT ANY HASTY ACTION WE TAKE NOW WILL CONDEMN US ALL..
I DON'T LIKE THIS ANY MORE THAN THE REST OF YOU DO.
JOE?
TAKE THIS...
JUST IN CASE WE HAVE SURPRISE VISITORS TONIGHT
NOW...
I SUGGEST WE ALL GET AS MUCH SLEEP AS POSSIBLE...
TOMORROW, WE BEGIN THE STRUGGLE FOR OUR LIVES...
...AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REST AGAIN FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.
SLEEP?
THAT'S THE PLAN??
AWW, MAN!
I KNOW I DIDN'T HEAR THAT RIGHT!
CALM DOWN, JOE..

I AIN'T DONE!
I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED!
BUT SHIVA WANTS TO HANG IT ALL UP??
AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO JUST HANG OUT WHILE POINDEXTER #6&!-UP MOM'S SOUL??
SHEENK?!
NOT ON MY WATCH!!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, JOE!
DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW BETTER THAN SHIVA??
DO YOU?
PFFT WHATEVER... FINE!
STAY HERE.. ALL Y'ALL STAY HERE!
I'M GOIN' BACK LATER
I'VE GOT THE POWER TO FIX THIS MESS
WHY--
AND I'M GONNA USE IT!
WHY--
--WON'T YOU--
-LISTEN TO ME?
SLAM

YOU MADE ME DO THAT, JOE!!
FWP
I DIDN'T WANNA PICK A FIGHT, BUT YOU MADE ME!!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M LETTING YOU MARCH OFF TO GET YOURSELF KILLED!!
NOT AS LONG AS I'M STILL STANDING!
....
SIS
FWUP
FWP
DON'T DO THAT AGAIN.
LAST WARNING!
JOE! VICKY! PLEASE!
PLEASE, STOP THIS!
VICKY... LISTEN... EVEN IF WE STOP JOE NOW, H-HE'LL JUST TRY AGAIN LATER!
PLUS I WANT TO GO BACK TOO--
WHY DON'T WE ALL-
NO!
NO WAY!
I'M GOIN' SOLO, TRACY.
I DON'T NEED ANY OF YOU GETTIN' IN MY WAY!
JOE! YOU JERK!
I DON'T KNOW WHY TRACY PUTS UP WITH YOU!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE SEES IN YOU!!

TTHWOK
YOU!
YOU'RE SHIVA'S FRIENDS, HUH?
YOU'RE THE GUYS WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BEAT THE WRATH?!?!
HMPH!
I DON'T THINK SO...
DUKE -- THAT'S ENOUGH.
AND JOE? I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW...
PERHAPS EVEN BETTER THAN YOU DO
IT'S THE REASON YOU WANT TO GO OUT AND SAVE YOUR MOTHER FROM THE WRATH
AND THE REASON YOU WANT TO GO ALONE... ESPECIALLY WITHOUT TRACY...
YOU ARE AFRAID OF LOSING THOSE YOU CARE FOR, AREN'T YOU

SHIVA?
WHAT GOOD IS IT?
JOE... IT HURTS TO REVEAL THIS TO YOU BUT...
...THE SECOND WE RETURN, THE WRATH WILL TAKE EVERYONE WE CARE FOR AND USE THEM AGAINST US.
THAT IS ITS FAVORITE DEFENSIVE TACTIC
WE ALL NEED TIME TO PREPARE FOR OUR NEXT STRUGGLE AGAINST OUR FOE... BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY...
THEY'RE-- ALREADY HIS, AREN'T THEY..
POINDEXTER'S GOT 'EM...
MY MOM... TRACY'S DAD.
THEY'RE ALL GONE
WHAT GOOD IS SAVING THE WORLD
I AM NOT SURE ABOUT YOU. BUT I KNOW I AM NOT READY TO FACE THAT...
WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN SAVE YOUR OWN MOM?
JOE I AM SORRY.
I am sorry.
MOM
DAMN'

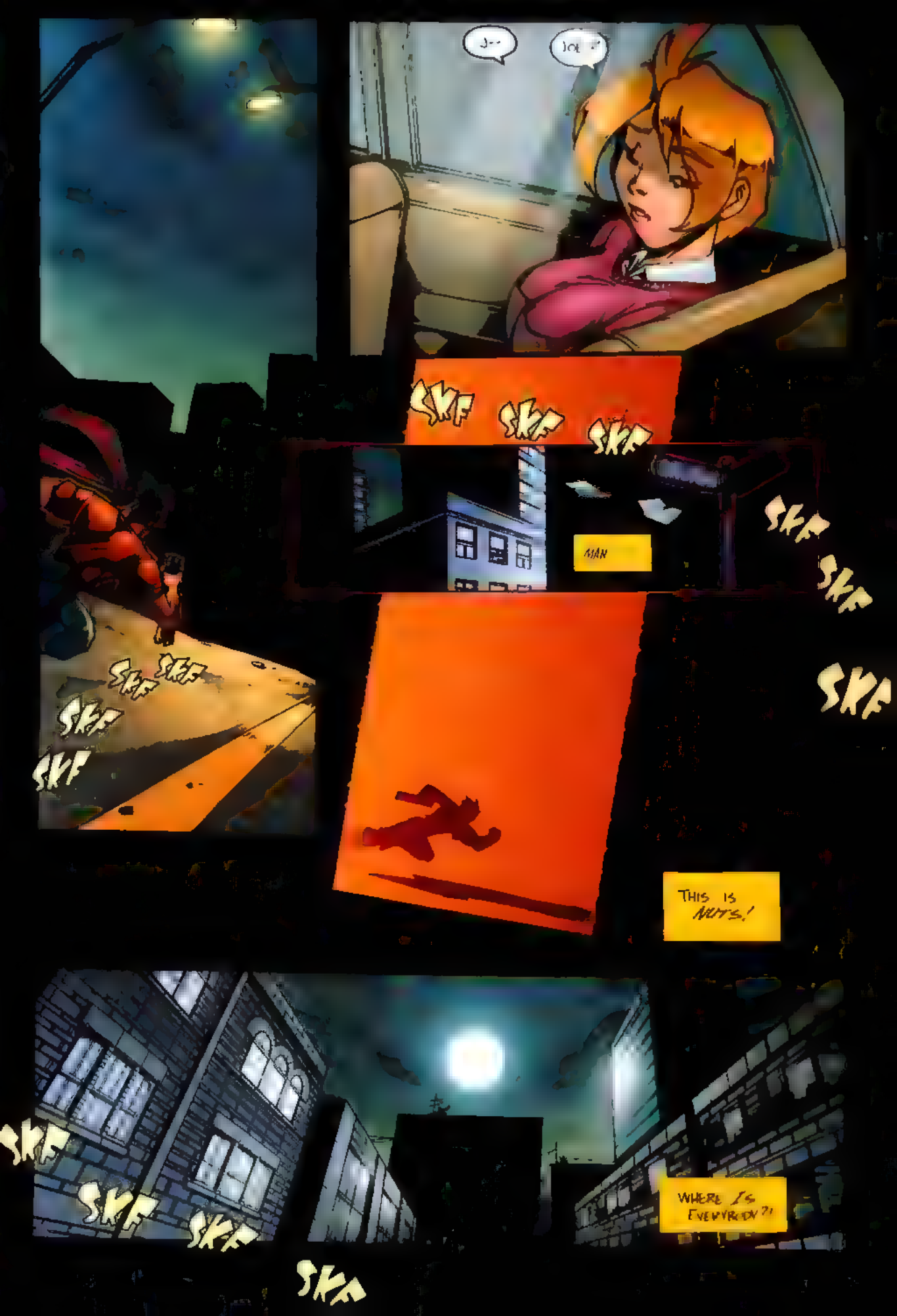
MOM?

THERE.
WHAT, DO YOU KNOW
MOM, CAN LOOK THE BREAST AFTER ALL CAN'T SHE
WOW I CAN SEE!! YOU TWO OFF TO YOUR FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL PROPER!!
HERE'S MY PREDICTION OF JOE'S FIRST DAY OF THIS YEAR:
WHAT?
AHEM
09:300 AM - STUFFED INTO LOCKER
11:30 AM - HEAD FLUSHED DOWN TOILET
2:30 PM - THROWN INTO SCHOOL DUMPSTER
WHAT?
YES, IT'S I KEEP TELLING YOU JOE YOU WON'T SURVIVE YOUR HIGHSCHOOL YEAR YOU GOTTA LOOK LIKE YOU'RE COOL.
SHE'S NOT A NAME JOE
MOM!
YOUR FATHER WAS A NAME WAS
YOU'RE SUPPOSE TO BE SO SUPPORTIVE AND ON MY SIDE MOM!!!
OH THINK I KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSE TO DO AS A MOM, HEARING THAT I'VE NOT YOU JOE - THIS SECRET
AND OH, FIND ME THAT ONE I'M SUPPOSE TO HAVE YOUR EXACT SAME TIME EVENT SO I'LL KNOW HOW I'VE LIVED MY LIFE
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED VICTORIA AND ALL IT'S DONE TO ME
IT WASN'T EASY

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH... YOU SHOULD AT LEAST WEAR A T-SHIRT AND SOME JEANS... SOME DECENT KICKS WOULDN'T HURT, EITHER...
EVEN WHATS-HIS-NAME. THAT VIDEO-GAME GUY YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYIN' TO "MASTER"...
. RYU BOGARD...
YEAH!
EVEN HE HAS MORE FASHION SENSE THAN YOU!
HMM...
HE IS PRETTY COOL!
WHOA-- I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR.. BUT, YOU KNOW WHERE I'M COM'N FROM.
AHEH...
OH, WELL...
GUESS I'LL GIVE THIS COOKING THING ANOTHER SHOT LATER..
UM..
THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL..
AHEM
NICE TRY, MOM
YEAH, YEAH...
YOU TWO GIT YOUR BUTTS TO SCHOOL.
SEE YOU LATER, MOM..
EXCEPT FOR YOU, JOE..
YOU'RE CHANGING YOUR CLOTHES.
AND, UH.. YOUR FATHER'S RED "RAMBO" COLLECTOR'S-EDITION HEADBAND IS IN MY DRESSER TOP DRAWER...
Huh?
THAT "RYU BOGARD" CHARACTER HAS A HEADBAND, RIGHT?
I THINK YOUR FATHER WOULD HAVE WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT...
TAKE IT...

BUT, MOM-- I COULDN'T. IT'S THE ONLY THING YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER HIM BY---
NO--
NO, TAKE IT... IT ONLY REMINDS ME OF HOW MUCH IT EMBARRASSED ME WHEN HE WORE IT ALL THE TIME---
MOM-
THANKS, MOM...
GASP
A... DREAM
SLF
PAM

GUYS SIS.
TRACY.
I'M SORRY.
BUT I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE.
VIN'S
FLIP
I CAN'T LET MOM DOWN!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MAN
THIS IS NUTS!
WHERE IS EVERYBODY?!

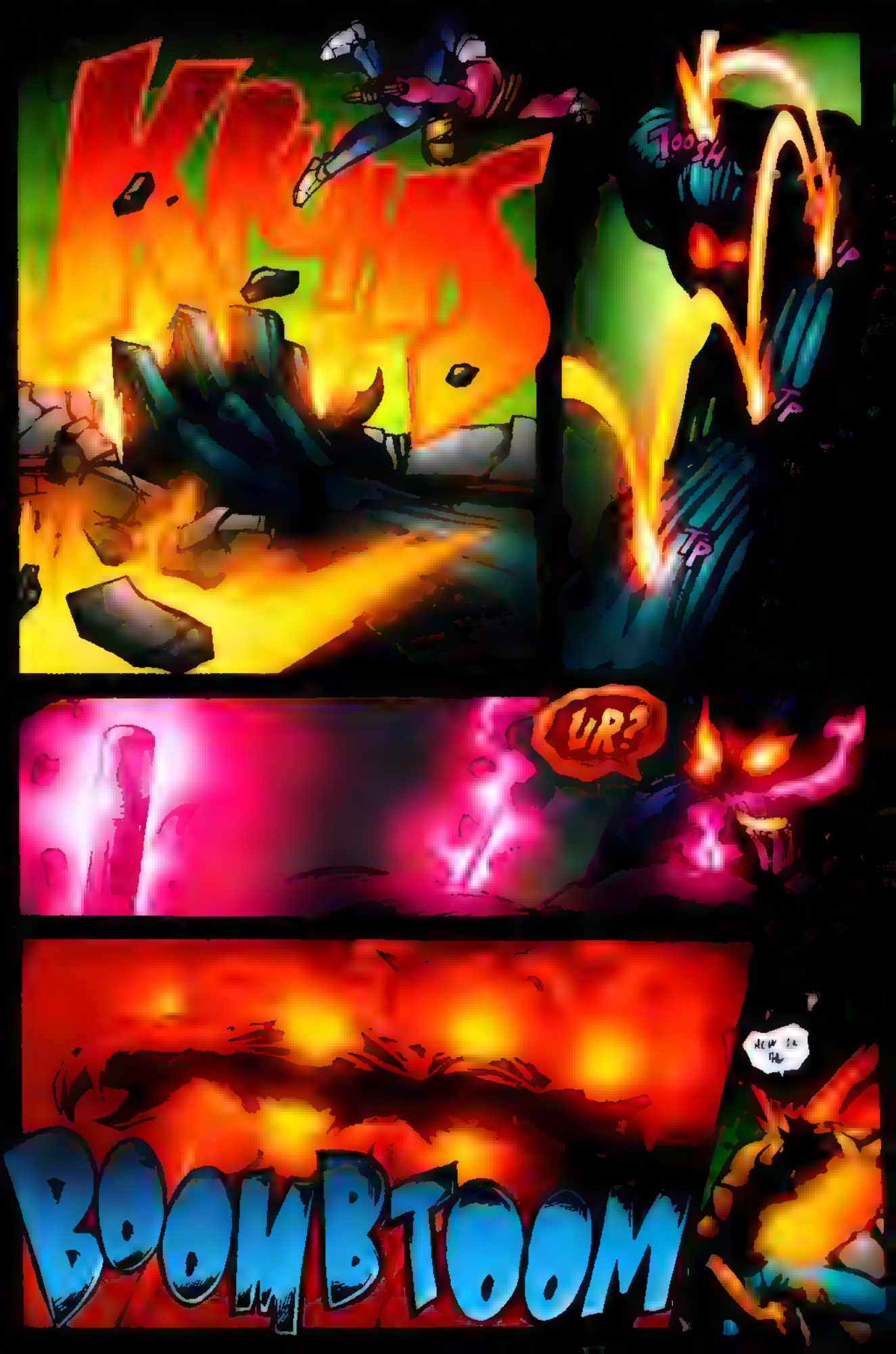
AT ANY RATE
ONLY TEN MORE BLOCKS 'TIL HOME..
CANT FOCUS ON ANYTHING ELSE EXCEPT-
WAIT..
CAN'T GO THAT WAY.
BETTER TAKE THE LONG WAY AROUND
WHA-?
SKH

I THOUGHT SO...
TRACY!!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO FOLLOW ME!!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO GET IN MY WAY!!
JOE..
I'M SORRY
BUT
I HAD TO COME...
I COULDN'T LET YOU GO ALONE..
DAMN, TRACY.. I--
I'VE BEEN -- I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT SHIVA SAID TONIGHT..
ABOUT YOU BEING AFRAID TO LOSE THOSE YOU LOVE.
IT'S WHAT I SUSPECTED ALL ALONG, BUT I WAS NEVER SURE UNTIL TONIGHT...
YOU'RE AFRAID THAT IF YOU LET ME GET CLOSE TO YOU
IF YOU LET ME STAY AT YOUR SIDE
YOU'LL MESS UP SOMEHOW AND LOSE ME

I-- I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TRACY... NOT YET. YOU COULD GET HURT AND IT WOULD BE ALL MY FAULT
I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO--
JOE...
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT FIGHTING
AND... YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID ANYMORE
BECAUSE YOU WON'T LOSE ME.
I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU, JOE... I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO...
I-- TRACY--
I
SHH..
BUT
SHHH.
YOU'RE SHIVERING.
TRACY...
I LO
VWRRM
@#!#!

TRACY! YOU'VE GOTTA GET OUT--
DON'T EVEN THINK I'M GOING TO JUST LEAVE, JOE--
WE HAVE TO FIGHT, TOGETHER, OR WE CAN'T LET IT CALL FOR HELP! ESPECIALLY IF IT CALLS FOR POINDEXTER!!
DAMN!! ALL RIGHT, THEN.
TRY TO DISTRACT IT FROM ABOVE!
I'LL HOLD IT OFF..
RIGHT!
FWT
FWT
AND IF YOU CAN--
-TAKE OUT ITS EY--
HOLY SHIT-
WHOOMM
JOE!

JOE.
HM HM HM HM
HM?
R-RIGHT...
I'LL DISTRACT 'IM...
KRSHH
TRACE
CHANGE OF PLAN.
YOU NAIL 'IM!
HRSSS


WOOSH
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UR?
BOOMBTOOM

HOW DID YOU--
SHIVA PUT A SPELL ON MY PENCILS AFTER YOU FELL ASLEEP..
ACTUALLY, SHE GAVE US ALL WEAPONS..
MY PENCILS SHOULD KEEP IT FROM REGENERATING FOR A WHILE...
BUT NEVER MIND ABOUT THAT... FIRST WE FIND YOUR MOM...
THEN WE FIND MY DAD!
I HEARD THAT!
C'MON! THIS WAY!
AND STAY QUIET..
"IF POINDEXTER DISCOVERS WE'RE HERE."
"AND THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR MOM..."
"I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT WHAT HE'LL DO!"

JUST TWO MORE MILES, TRACE!!
JUST TWO MORE
THEN, ONCE WE GET MY MOM AND YOUR DAD,
WE'LL FIGURE A WAY OUT OF TOWN..
WE'LL BE LONG GONE BEFORE THE WRATH KNOWS WE'VE EVEN BEEN HERE!
IT'S
IN WHAT IF WE DO IT
..WHAT HAPPENS IF THE WRATH, HAS, UMM, ALREADY...? LIKE SHIVA SAID??
WHAT IF SHIVA WAS RIGHT
DON'T EVEN THINK THAT'S TRUE, TRACEY!!
THEY'RE OKAY!! HEY GOTTA B!

JOE, I'M HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS.
I MEAN, LOOK AT THE CITY!
BLOCK AFTER BLOCK OF SILENCE!!
NO ONE'S LEFT ALIVE, JOE...
HOW COULD OUR PARENTS HAVE POSSIBLY SURV--
QUICK! BACK HERE!
MNH?!
MOVE!
TRMP
TRMP
DAMN, THAT WAS CLOSE!!
LISTEN, TRACE. WE CAN'T LEAVE WITHOUT EVEN TRYING TO FIND 'EM.
WE JUST CAN'T-
JOE...
HUH?
JOE!
OOHHHH, SHIT!!

SSSSSHH
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIGHT... BETTER MAKE A BREAK FOR IT...
READY..?
READY
LET'S GO-
Ohhh, not again!

WELL, WELL, WELL...
WEREN'T EXPECTING ME TO BE PREPARED FOR YOU, EH, JOE?
I TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE YOU AGAIN, DIDN'T I?
A SOUND STRATEGY, I MUST SAY...
PRETENDING TO LEAVE THIS CITY TO ME, THEN RETURNING WHEN I AM NOT SUPPOSED TO BE EXPECTING YOU...
VERY, VERY CLEVER.
HOWEVER...
YOU MADE ONE FATAL ERROR
YOU SOMEHOW MANAGED TO RESCUE ALL OF YOUR LOVED ONES BEFORE I COULD LOCATE THEM AND ASSIMILATE THEM...
FROM THAT I COULD TELL YOUR "HASTY RETREAT" WAS A WELL-PLANNED, WELL-EXECUTED FEINT...
BRAVO.. I WAS ALMOST FOOLED!
RESCUE?
WHAT IN THE #@%&IN' WORLD IS HE TALKIN' ABOUT!?
IF HE DIDN'T GET MOM...
OR ANYONE ELSE...
WHAT HAPPENED?? WHO RESCUED 'EM??
TRACE...
I THINK I GOT ME A PLAN...
....
OKAY...

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
BLUFF MY FRIGGIN' G@# OFF!! WHAT ELSE?
HEY, POINDEXTER? YOU GONNA MAKE A MOVE OR WHAT? STEP UP, SON!!
RRRRR!
HOLD
THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A PLOY..
THEY WANT TO DISTRACT US...
...FROM THEIR FRIENDS WHO'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE
SO TELL ME, JOE... HOW MANY MORE HEIRS TO THE LEGACY ARE WITH YOU? I MANAGED TO DISPOSE OF ONE'Y.... BUT IT SEEMS THERE ARE MORE THAN I ORIGINALLY ACCOUNTED FOR...
WHY ELSE WOULD YOU EVEN ATTEMPT SUCH A BRASH MOVE?
SEE? A LITTLE BIT OF BLUFF GOES A LONG, LOOONG WAY!
* CHECK ISSUE #4 FOR MORE -- F
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN NO ONE ELSE ENTERED THE CITY? THESE TWO COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN FOOLISH ENOUGH TO COME HERE ALONE!!!
MY PEEPS ARE TOO GOOD FOR Y'BOYS, POINDEXTER!
EVERYONE'S IN POSITION NOW... READY TO STRIKE!
YOU GOT JUST ONE CHANCE...
GIVE IT UP! GIVE IT ALL UP!! WE GOTCHA!!
....
HOW ODD.. WE SHOULD HAVE DETECTED A SIGN OF YOUR FRIENDS BY NOW...
YET, MY WRAITHS COULD FIND NOTHING.
I COULD FIND NOTHING...
PERHAPS...IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING TO FIND...!
PERHAPS WE'RE JUST THAT MUCH BETTER THAN YOU!

THERE IS NO ONE OUT THERE... IS THERE?...
YOU ARE ALL ALONE...
BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE? SURELY NOT TO CHALLENGE ME...
AHHHH... OF COURSE...
WHEN I MENTIONED THAT I DID NOT KNOW HOW YOUR PARENTS ESCAPED, YOU FLINCHED!
NOT BECAUSE I GUESSED YOUR PLANS...
BUT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW THEY ESCAPED EITHER!
YOU CAME TO RESCUE THEM, DIDN'T YOU!
HUH
BUSTED.
Hmh...
STARTING TO..SWEAT ME?
WELL..
IT SEEMS I'VE OVERESTIMATED YOU THIS TIME.
I IMAGINED YOU TO BE A POTENT FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.
A CUNNING DANGER TO MY AVATAR, PONDEXTER, AND MY WRATH SHADOWS.
I NOW SEE THAT YOU ARE NO SUCH THREAT...
AS FOR THE MYSTERY OF HOW YOUR FOLKS WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE CITY UNDETECTED
I'LL SOLVE THAT RIDDLE LATER WHEN I FIND THEM...
IN THE MEANTIME.. YOU DIE--
oh well.
TIME FOR MR. TRUMP CARD..
WHAM

TRACE!
MAKE US A HOLE!!
WHEN THE DEMIWRATH'S DACED SO ARE HIS MINIONS!
NNH
JOE! THOSE WERE MY LAST TWO!!
NOW! BEFORE THEY RECOVER!
SSH

TRACYYY-
HOLY-
HOW IN THE WORLD??
TASH
NEVER MIND!
JUST KEEP GOIN'!!
I'LL CATCH UP!!

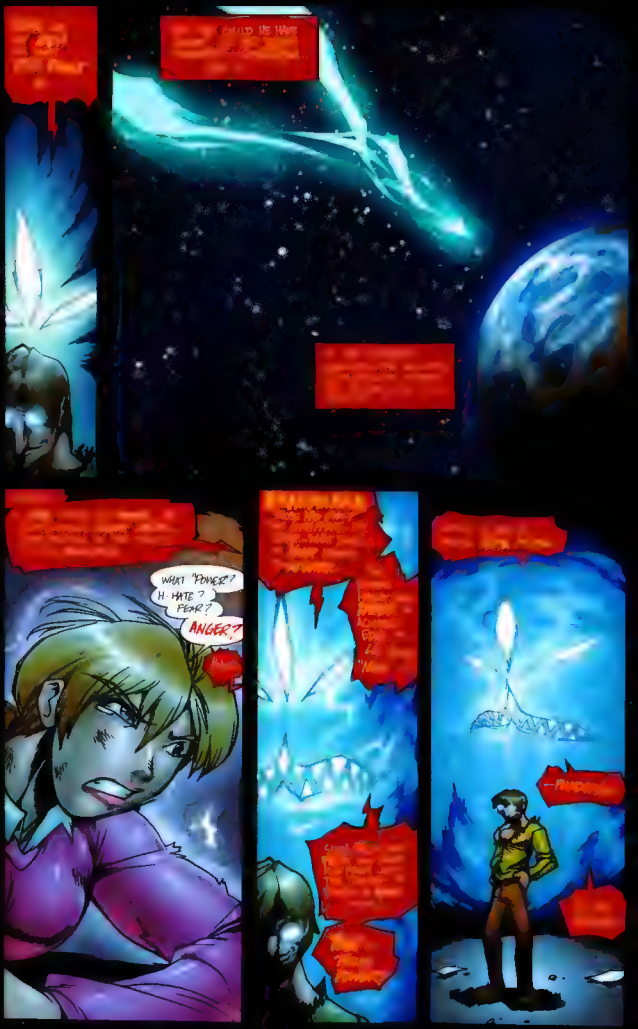
HA!
JUST GOTTA GET PAST THESE SCRUBS!!
NH!
OH YOU WANT SOME?
KTCH
WOH!

GHOUL
YAM

JOE!
JOE!
HOLD ON!!
I'M COMING!!
ZZZZ
N-NO!
ZZZZ

SHE
DROPS

TELL ME.
WHY DID YOU FAIL? WHY WERE YOU DEFEATED?
HM?
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW, DO YOU?
IT IS BECAUSE YOU RELIED ON THE LEGACY.
AND THE LEGACY RELIED ON THE STOLEN SOURCES OF POWER.!
TRUST.
"FRIENDSHIP
"LOVE"
"LOYALTY"..
DID YOU KNOW THAT IS ALL THAT BINDS THE LEGACY??
INTANGIBLE ILLUSIONS???
THE GREAT MASTER SWORD OF YOUR LUIZARD'S LEGACY EVEN DARED TO CALL THOSE "TRAITS" FORMS OF POSITIVE ENERGY!
PATHETIC


WHAT "POWER"?
H. HATE?
FEAR?
ANGER?

SO, NOW YOU SEE
MY POWER IS ALL..
WHY?
ANGLE POWER... NOTHING.
NO...
I'LL PLEASE, NO! DON'T HURT JOE!! HERE.
AHHH, YES... YOU THINK YOU LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU!
SMITH

IT IS BECAUSE THE ACROBAT SILVIA'S WITHIN YOUR SOUL AND.. SHE STILL LOVES TIMEON THE WARRIOR WITHIN JOSEPH'S...
GOOD...
NEVER BEFORE HAVE I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REND ONE OF THE LEGACY, BUT THIS TIME ....
heh...
SILVIA? CAN YOU HEAR ME? YOU AND TIMEON HAVE FAILED MISERABLY THIS TIME... AND NOW HIS SOUL ---
NO!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
KWAM
FWM
FWM
IT ALL ENDS NOW!

TRACE!!
TRACY, GET UP!!
THIS IS IT!
IF WE DON'T STOP 'EM HERE AND NOW, IT IS OVER!
THE WRATH'S AFTER IT ALL!!
b-BUT--
HUMANITY! THE WHOLE WORLD!
EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON US!
IF WE FAIL, THERE IS NO TOMORROW!!
TRACY, GET UP!
J-JOE!! I CAN'T! I CAN'T MAKE MY BODY MOVE!!
TRACE--
SHE'S PARALYZED, JOSEA!.
HER NERVOUS SYSTEM WILL NO LONGER RESPOND AS IT SHOULD...
SHE'S LUCKY...
SHE'LL FEEL NO PAIN WHEN HER END COMES.
UNLIKE YOU...
NNH!

NOW YOU SEE MY TRUE POWER, JOE... NOW YOU SEE HOW WEAK YOU REALLY ARE!!
KSH
GNN!
JOE! FORGET ME!! F-FORGET HIM! RUN--
RUN AWAY!
WE CAN'T WIN!
RUNNING WON'T SAVE HIM, TRACY... NOTHING CAN....
WFNN
ESPECIALLY JOSEPH'S FEEBLE EFFORTS
IDIOT
KAK
GNN!
PAW!
NOW YOU SEE, DON'T YOU, JOSEPH.
YOUR DEFEAT WAS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION
SO. I BID YOU GOOD-BYE
AND..
OH, HOW I AM SO VERY TEMPTED TO PLAY AND TOY WITH YOU...
BUT THAT WOULD BE A MISTAKE IF SOMETHING UNFORSEEN SHOULD HAPPEN...
...GOOD-BYE TO YOU AS WELL, TIMERON...

SSSSSSS
NNH
AA
NO! PLEASE NO
YO

BUT...
HOW?
SILVIA
....
ENOUGH! WRATH SHADOWS, TEAR HER APART!

WHOOOOOOOOOOO
WNHHHHHH

NICE.
TRY
CRK
CRACK
I MUST ADMIT... I NEVER EXPECTED YOUR LEGACY ENCHANTMENT TO HAVE SUCH SURPRISING ABILITIES, SILVIA...
FOR YOUR SOUL TO TAKE OVER TRACY'S BODY...
FOR YOUR SOUL TO BE ABLE TO POSSESS YOUR WEAPON... THE MIDAS ROD.
QUITE AN EFFECTIVE SURPRISE... BUT AS YOU CAN SEE...
IT WAS NOT ENOUGH.
NOW
WHERE WAS I?
OH, YES. NOW I RECALL.
I SHOULD STILL HAVE JUST ENOUGH POWER... TO FINISH JOE AND TIMERON...

?
SHOVE
YOU DARE!
WHAT?
HURRY! JOE AND TRACY NEED US!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!
TH- THE OTHERS!!
YOU DARE TURN YOUR BACK ON ME?!
THIS WAY!
IO!
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO FIGHT THEM!
I BARELY HAVE POWER ENOUGH TO CONSTRUCT AN ESCAPE GATE...
AND MY WRATH SHADOWS, ARE ALL GONE!!
WITHOUT THEM I CANNOT REPLENISH MY POWER!

HMPH...
ENJOY THIS SMALL REPRIEVE... SINCE YOUR TINY MISERY
THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER
TIMERON...
UNH
NNH... D.. DID I GET 'IM?
....
OVER HERE!
I SEE 'EM! HURRY UP, YOU GUYS!!
LOOKS LIKE MOST OF IT'S OVER TO ME...
YEAH, RIGHT!
IT'S NOT OVER 'TIL I DROP-KICK MY HARD-HEADED BROTHER INTO NEXT WEEK FOR RUNNING OFF LIKE THAT!*
* LAST ISSUE--
WH-- WHERE'D HE GO.. I'LL BUST ALL OVER 'IM!..
JOE! CALM DOWN!
THAT'S RIGHT... JUST REST HERE...
EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW...
OR IS IT?..
I DON'T FEEL ALL RIGHT... EVEN THOUGH THE DANGER IS PASSED..
THERE'S... SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S NOT RIGHT..
WHAT I'M FEELING...
IS IT MY LOVE FOR JOE..?
OR...
IS IT SILVIA'S LOVE FOR TIMERON..?

As there is light, so there is shadow...
Battling eternally.
The heroes of every age may push darkness back,
but may not destroy it.
It has only to wait until they are but memories, and
emerge anew to wreak its terror.
So the task of conquest and vigilance passes to
the unprepared future.
To protect mankind was born...

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